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	SUBJECT:	Wave of Kidnapping in Cordoba

ACTION: SecState WASHDC

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Ref: BA 7930

1. According to press reports, between 10 and 13 people were kidnapped in Cordoba in the early morning hours January 8.

Several groups of 10 to 20 persons each, using cars ~~on~~ without license plates (and in some cases claiming to be police)

carried out the operations. While accounts vary, most of the abductions appear to be the work of the "Liberators of America Command" (Comando Libertadores de America) which also claimed responsibility for the kidnap/slaying of 9 students in Cordoba late last year (reftel). They reportedly left communiques at the sites of some of yesterday's abductions.

2. The motive for the multiple kidnappings is not clear. And so far no bodies have been discovered. Local police deny that they have any of the people in question in custody.

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12201) NR.
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JANUARY 11, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICER OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

A PENETRATION SOURCE OF THE AAIS IN THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA
ORGANIZATION ADVISED THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE PLANNING A SPECTACULAR
ACT IN ORDER TO PRESSURE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE
ROBERTO QUIETO, A MONTONERO LEADER WHO WAS EXTRA-LEGALLY DETAINED
BY THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) AND THE AAIS. THE AAIS
SOURCE REPORTED THAT AS OF JANUARY 12, 1976, NO DEFINITE COURSE
OF ACTION HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON BY THE MONTONERO LEADERSHIP. (S) (U)

IN ANALYZING THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE AAIS BELIEVES THAT
THE MONTONEROS MIGHT ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP A RANKING ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR A FOREIGN DIPLOMAT IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO
EXCHANGE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUIETO. THE AAIS ALSO BELIEVES THERE
IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE MONTONEROS MIGHT INSTITUTE A CAMPAIGN (S) (U)

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(105-1099 R. Quieto) (80-205 [Col. Valin]) (S) (U)

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OF INDISCRIMINATE ASSASSINATIONS OF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS OR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS UNTIL QUIETO IS RELEASED. INASMUCH
AS QUIETO IS BEING HELD EXTRALEGALLY BY THE AAIS, THERE IS NO
POSSIBILITY THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE ENTERED INTO WITH THE
MONTONEROS FOR HIS RELEASE. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS.] (S) (U)

REMYCABLE, JANUARY 9, 1976, CAPTIONED, "FOREIGN POLITICAL
MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA," [REPORTING THE EXTRALEGAL
DETENTION OF QUIETO BY THE AAIS.] (S) (U) (U)

THE FOREGOING [AAIS] INTELLIGENCE IS EXCLUSIVE AND HAS BEEN
COORDINATED LOCALLY. [REDACTED] b1 per CIA

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BASED ON THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, THE AMBASSADOR HAS
INSTITUTED RADICAL SECURITY MEASURES, SINCE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY (S) (U)

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THAT AN EMBASSY OFFICER MAY BE TARGETED BY THE MONTONEROS (S) (u) X (H)
CERTAIN EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO REPORT TO
THE EMBASSY AND TO REMAIN AT THEIR RESIDENCES DURING THE NEXT
TWO WEEKS, WHICH IS THE CRITICAL PERIOD FOR THE MONTONEROS TO
TAKE ACTION. ADDITIONAL PATROL AND ESCORT CARS ARE BEING SECURED
AT CAR RENTAL COMPANIES AND BODYGUARDS ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO
VARIOUS EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO AT THE PRESENT TIME DO NOT HAVE THEM.
CERTAIN EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE BEING ORDERED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO
TEMPORARILY VACATE THEIR RESIDENCES AND RESIDE AT THE SHERATON
HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES UNTIL THE CRITICAL PERIOD HAS PASSED. (S) (u) X (H)

I AM FOLLOWING THIS MATTER VERY CLOSELY AND WILL TAKE ALL
NECESSARY SECURITY MEASURES TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY STAFF. BUREAU
WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -29
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)
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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JANUARY 29, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP)
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JANUARY 29, 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:45 A.M., FIFTEEN
ARMED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TWO WOMEN, FORCIBLY TOOK OVER
THE BENDIX CORPORATION PLANT IN MUNRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
THE INDIVIDUALS ENTERED THE BENDIX CORPORATION LOCATION IN A
PICKUP TRUCK AND FOUR AUTOMOBILES. THE INDIVIDUALS WERE
ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THE INTRUDERS DEMANDED THAT
THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION BE
PRODUCED BUT WERE INFORMED THAT THE FORMER WAS IN EUROPE
AND THAT THE LATTER HAD NOT YET ARRIVED AT THE COMPANY
INSTALLATION. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME THAT THE TERRORISTS

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WERE DEMANDING TO SEE THE BENDIX CORPORATION PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, THE CHIEF OF PERSONNEL AND THE CHIEF OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION, BOTH ARGENTINE CITIZENS, ARRIVED AT WORK. THE TERRORISTS UNCEREMONIOUSLY GUNNED THEM DOWN AND ALSO KILLED A BAPP CORPORAL WHO ATTEMPTED TO COME TO THE EXECUTIVES' DEFENSE.

THE BENDIX CORPORATION HAS BEEN HAVING RECENT LABOR PROBLEMS AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ATTACK, ALTHOUGH AS OF 11:30 A.M., JANUARY 29, 1976, THE CUSTOMARY COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA.

THE BENDIX CORPORATION IS AN ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION OF NEW YORK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BAPP.

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA DCN

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1/23/76

LEGATT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 1/23/76 an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) Intelligence Service provided the following information:

On 1/23/76 at approximately 9:45 A. M., 15 armed individuals, including two women, forcibly took over the Bendix Corporation plant in Munro, Buenos Aires Province. The individuals entered the Bendix Corporation location in a pickup truck and four automobiles. The individuals were armed with automatic weapons. The intruders demanded that the President and General Manager of the Bendix Corporation be produced but were informed that the former was in Europe and that the latter had not yet arrived at the company installation. At approximately the same time that the terrorists were demanding to see the Bendix Corporation President and General Manager, the Chief of Personnel and the Chief of Industrial Relations of the Bendix Corporation, both Argentine citizens, arrived at work. The terrorists unceremoniously gunned them down and also killed a BAPP corporal who attempted to come to the executives' defense.

The Bendix Corporation has been having recent labor problems and it is believed that the Montonero guerrilla organization was responsible for the above-described attack, although as of 11:30 A. M., January 23, 1976, the customary communique from the organization responsible for the assassinations had not yet been received by the Buenos Aires news media.

The Bendix Corporation is an Argentine subsidiary of the Bendix Corporation of New York.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE
ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION (S) (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M., FEBRUARY 9, 1976, A POWERFUL
BOMB DETONATED IN THE APARTMENT OF MARCOS LANUSSE DELL, THE
SON OF FORMER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT LT. GENERAL ALEJANDRO
AGUSTIN LANUSSE. FORMER PRESIDENT LANUSSE'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
MARIA CARIDE DE LANUSSE, WHO WAS INSIDE THE APARTMENT WHEN THE
BOMB DETONATED, WAS KILLED IMMEDIATELY. FORMER PRESIDENT (S) (U)

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1 - 80-205 [Gen. Valin]
1 - 80-173 [Capt. Lucero] (S) (U)
1 - 105-767 Montoneros
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LANUSSE, WHO WAS OUTSIDE OF BUENOS AIRES ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES WITH HIS SON MARCOS, WHO IS A PARAPLEGIC, BUT DELAYED HIS RETURN TO THE CITY DUE TO/^ALAST MINUTE OCCURRENCE. | SHOULD FORMER PRESIDENT LANUSSE HAVE FOLLOWED HIS ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE APARTMENT WHEN THE POWERFUL BOMB DETONATED. (S)(U)

ON FEBRUARY 10, 1976, ANOTHER OFFICIAL OF THE AAIS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)(U)

THE AAIS, THROUGH A PENETRATION SOURCE OF THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, ASCERTAINED THAT THE MONTONEROS WERE PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE ARMY GENERAL ADEL VILAS, WHO HAD COMMANDED THE ARGENTINE ARMY ANTI-GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN IN THE PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN. IT IS NOTED THAT GENERAL VILAS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE OVER THE COMMAND OF THE FIFTH ARMY CORPS IN BAHIA BLANCA ON FEBRUARY 11, 1976. ACTING ON THE INFORMATION THAT GENERAL VILAS HAD BEEN TARGETED FOR ASSASSINATION, THE AAIS ASCERTAINED THAT THE MONTONEROS PLANNED TO POISON GENERAL VILAS UTILIZING AN ARGENTINE ARMY DRAFTEE TO PLANT THE POISON IN GENERAL VILAS' FOOD. THE DRAFTEE INVOLVED WAS (S)(U)

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IDENTIFIED AND IS UNDER INTENSIVE INTERROGATION AT THE PRESENT TIME. (~~S~~) (U)

THE AAIS BELIEVE THAT THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED TERRORIST ACTS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE MONTONEROS IN RETALIATION FOR THE EXTRA-LEGAL DETENTION OF MONTONERO GUERRILLA LEADER ROBERTO QUIETO, WHO WAS PICKED UP BY AGENTS OF THE AAIS AND FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) OFFICERS ON DECEMBER 28, 1975. (~~S~~) (U)

THE SECOND SOURCE NOTED THAT THERE IS KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PLANNED PROJECTED POISONING OF GENERAL VILAS IS THE FIRST INSTANCES OF TERRORISTS UTILIZING THIS MEASURE. (~~S~~) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [FIRST SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS] (~~S~~) (U)

SECOND SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, COMMANDER, AAIS POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. (~~S~~) (U)

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FROM AmEmbassy BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, AR
SUBJECT: Terrorists Assassinate Lanusse's Daughter-in-Law;
Make Attempt on General Vilas's Life
ACTION: SecState WASHDC

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1. Maria Caride de Lanusse, 26-year-old daughter-in-law of former Argentine President General Lanusse, was killed yesterday exploded contained in a package that had been placed when a bomb/~~apparently placed inside her apartment by terrorists~~ by her front door. ~~expected~~ To Embassy's knowledge Mrs. Lanusse has not taken any active role in political affairs. No organization has yet taken credit for her assassination.
2. It was also revealed yesterday that an army conscript, Miguel Romero, reportedly a Montonero member, had attempted to kill General Adel Vilas. According to news accounts, the conscript had served as an orderly to General Vilas and had placed a "powerful poison" in a beverage he was serving ^{him.} ~~him.~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ When rumors began to circulate yesterday that General Vilas had been killed, army sources admitted that he had been the object of a poisoning attempt but that it had failed and that Vilas was alive and well.

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3. Comment: Fact that Montoneros would wish to kill General Vilas, who until recently was the commander in Tucuman responsible for that province's anti-terrorist campaign, not surprising. However, death of Mrs. Lanusse appears to be yet another of the brutal and senseless killings which have become all too commonplace in Argentina.


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FROM: Amembassy, Buenos Aires

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, AR
SUBJECT: Further Terrorist Deprecations
ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC

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1. On morning of February 11, 1976 the Commander of the Mar del Plata army garrison, Col. Rafael Reyes, was shot and killed in a terrorist attack. At the time the attack took place, Reyes was leaving his home to go to the Headquarters of the 601st ~~artillery~~ unit which he commands. He, along with two conscripts who act as his chauffeur and bodyguard, had gone only a short distance from his home when their vehicle was intercepted at a stoplight by at least two vehicles driven by terrorists. According to eyewitnesses, there were several persons, including at least one woman, in the cars who opened fire with machine guns and pistols, killing Reyes and wounding the conscripts. The attackers were able to make their escape. Later in the day local newspapers were advised that the attack had been perpetrated by the "Red Brigades of Workers Power", a group

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believed to be closely associated with or part of the ERP.

2. In a second and presumably unrelated attack, several men drove in front of the Austrian Chancery at approximately 1:30 a.m. on February 12, firing shots at the building. A guard in front of the Chancery returned fire and apparently drove off the attackers. There were no injuries in the attack and no group has as yet taken credit for this action.

3. COMMENT: ^{/forces} Commander Reyes ~~has~~ recently have had several successes in counter-terrorist operations which may explain motive for attack. However, his death may raise suspicions in military circles as to who the real perpetrators were as Reyes had recently gotten into squabble with CGT because he had ordered the arrest of a labor leader for attempting to board a commercial aircraft while heavily armed. The attack on the Austrian Chancery is a complete mystery both as to the origins of the perpetrators and their motive for carrying out attack. Embassy unaware of any political dispute which could explain last night's incident.


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ON FEBRUARY 16, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)] ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS: (S) (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEBRUARY 16, 1976, THE
MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION BOMBED A FORD MOTOR COMPANY
SHOWROOM IN BUENOS AIRES. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND
MODERATE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE BESTEIRO,
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA] (S) (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

1 - 105-767 (MONTONEROS) (U)
1 - 80-214 (BESTEIRO) (S)
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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 18, 1976, AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE, SPANISH-SPEAKING INDIVIDUAL CALLED THE PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS (PAWA), RESERVATIONS DEPARTMENT, IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. THE CALLER STATED THAT THE LIFE OF HAL WILLIAMS, PAWA, MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY, WAS IN DANGER, AND THAT WILLIAMS WOULD BE EXECUTED. THE CALLER INDICATED HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MONTONERO ALA 22 (WING 22).

GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS REPORTED TO THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA DURING THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 18, 1976. [A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA ADVISED THAT RECORDS OF THAT ORGANIZATION CONTAINED NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE ALA 22 FACTION OF THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION. SOURCE REPORTED THAT MONTONERO UNITS ARE GENERALLY NAMED AFTER FALLEN MONTONERO MEMBERS AND ARE CALLED COMMANDOS (COMMANDS). SOURCE NOTED THAT WHILE THE THREAT AGAINST WILLIAMS' LIFE MAY BE FROM THE MONTONEROS, BASED ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE ALA 22 FACTION THREATENING WILLIAMS.]

1 - 105-767 (Montonero)

1 - [80-Crovetto] (U)

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[THE SOURCE DOUBTS THAT THE THREAT ORIGINATED WITH THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION.] (S) (U)

ON FEBRUARY 13, 1976, DR. RALPH NEGRI, ARGENTINE DELEGATE, PAWA, BUENOS AIRES, ADVISED THAT PAWA IS IN THE MIDST OF ~~THE~~ NEGOTIATIONS OF WAGES/^{INCREASES} FOR EMPLOYEES, AND THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED THREAT AGAINST THE LIFE OF WILLIAMS MAY BE RELATED TO WAGE NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY PAWA. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL JORGE CROVETTO, FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA] (S) (U)
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Special Agent in Charge

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2/19/76

THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING DCI

ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

MONTONERO ALA 22 THREAT AGAINST
HAL WILLIAMS, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS (PAWA)
MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY

During the afternoon of 2/18/76, an unidentified Spanish-speaking male individual called the Reservations Department of PAWA in Buenos Aires and stated that the life of HAL WILLIAMS was in danger and that he would be executed. The caller stated he was a member of the Montonero guerrilla organization, Ala 22, (Wing 22). From his mode of speech, it is believed the caller is an Argentine. The caller spoke slowly, clearly and according to the PAWA employee receiving the call, had a pleasant tone to his voice. The aforementioned information was provided to the Federal Police of Argentina, Department of Federal Security, during the afternoon of 2/18/76.

A ranking official of the FPA, Department of Federal Security, advised that there is no such sub group of the Montonero guerrilla organization known as Ala 22. The source noted that the Montoneros have traditionally named their sub groups after deceased Montonero members, designating the sub groups as Commandos. (S) (U)

During the evening of 2/18/76, Dr. RALPH NEGRI, Argentine delegate, PAWA, advised that PAWA is in the process of negotiating wage increases with the employees, and there is a possibility that the above described threat may in some way be related to the ongoing wage negotiations.

It is noted that WILLIAMS is residing with his wife in the Hotel Presidente, Room 1511.

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- 1 - ECON COUNSELOR
- 1 - FAA Attache, Lima, Peru
- 3 - Buenos Aires
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR NR. 042-27
FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-103)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS -
ARGENTINA.

AT APPROXIMATELY 5²⁵/PM

ON FEBRUARY 25, 1976, AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE, SPANISH-SPEAKING INDIVIDUAL, CALLED THE PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS (PAWA) RESERVATIONS DEPARTMENT, IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. THE CALLER STATED ~~MR~~ "MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS HAVE LEFT BUT THEY LEFT THINGS AT THE PRESIDENTE. WHEN THEY RETURN WE SHALL KILL THEM BOTH." THE CALLER DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF OR CLAIM TO REPRESENT ANY TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. THE CALLER WAS REFERRING TO HAL WILLIAMS, A PAWA MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY. THE PRESIDENTE UNDOUBTEDLY REFERS TO THE PRESIDENTE HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES WHERE WILLIAMS HAS BEEN RESIDING. AT THE TIME OF THE CALL WILLIAMS WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON A TRIP TO BEIRUT, LEBANON, IN ORDER TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS ~~MOVE~~ ^{TRANSFER} FROM THAT COUNTRY TO ARGENTINA. THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 26, 1976, DR. RALPH NEGRI, ARGENTINE DELEGATE PAWA, BUENOS AIRES, ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M., ^{RWS}

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Approved: RWS

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AT THE NEGRI RESIDENCE
FEBRUARY 25, 1976, HIS WIFE RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SPANISH-SPEAKING MALE INDIVIDUAL, WHO ASKED TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ANDREW MONTEATH, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED FROM PAWA, AND WHO WAS WILLIAMS' PREDECESSOR. WHEN MRS. NEGRI INFORMED THE CALLER THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE MONTEATH'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER, HE ASKED HER WHETHER SHE DISLIKED AMERICANS, IT BEING NOTED THAT BOTH DR. AND MRS. NEGRI ARE ARGENTINE CITIZENS. THE CALLER STATED HE ASKED MRS. NEGRI THIS QUESTION BECAUSE "WE DON'T LIKE THEM," REFERRING TO AMERICANS. THIS INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WAGE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING PAWA EMPLOYEES IN BUENOS AIRES HAD BEEN SETTLED AT THE TIME OF THE RECEIPT OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 1976, CALLS AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

ON FEBRUARY 27, 1976, HAL WILLIAMS, SUPRA, ADVISED HE RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES FROM BEIRUT, LEBANON, ^{via} NEW YORK CITY, DURING EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26, 1976, ON ARRIVAL AT PRESIDENTE HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES, WILLIAMS ADVISED A LETTER DIRECTED TO

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HIS WIFE WAS DELIVERED TO HIM, WHICH HAD BEEN ^{DELIVERED THROUGH} ~~DEPOSITED IN~~ THE ARGENTINE POSTAL SERVICE. WILLIAMS ADVISED HE DID NOT OPEN THIS LETTER BUT CLOSE EXAMINATION UNDER STRONG LIGHT DISCLOSED IT CONTAINS WHAT APPEARS TO BE A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING SHOWING AN INDIVIDUAL POINTING A GUN. WILLIAMS ADVISED HE INTENDS TO MAKE THIS LETTER AVAILABLE TO THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA.

WILLIAMS ADVISED THAT ON THE ADVICE OF PAWA SECURITY OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK CITY DURING THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26, 1976, MRS. WILLIAMS, WHO WAS ACCOMPANYING HIM FROM BEIRUT, LEBANON, TO BUENOS AIRES, WAS DIVERTED TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, BASED ON A PREVIOUS THREAT RECEIVED IN BUENOS AIRES AGAINST WILLIAMS' LIFE ON FEBRUARY 18, 1976. WILLIAMS ADVISED HE INTENDS TO DEPART BUENOS AIRES ON FEBRUARY 29, 1976, FOR CONFERENCES IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH PAWA SECURITY OFFICIALS ^{IN} ~~AT~~ THAT CITY.

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RE MY CABLE FEBRUARY 19, 1976, UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION,

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WHICH REPORTED ON FEBRUARY 18, 1976, THREAT AGAINST WILLIAMS'

LIFE ALLEGEDLY BY THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION. *COORDINATED
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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA A/DCM

3/5/76

LEGATT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On 3/3/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: (S)(U)

Various officers of the SIE were recently issued cyanide capsules for their optional personal use, should they be the victims of a kidnapping operation by terrorists. SIE believes that as a result of numerous recent SIE attacks against the terrorist target, the terrorists will probably attempt to pick up a knowledgeable SIE officer in an effort to develop information concerning SIE informants, methods, safe-houses, etc., by means of torturing the kidnapped officer. (S)(U)

The cyanide capsules provide individual SIE officers with a last resort to being captured by terrorists in order to avoid providing vital information. The use of the cyanide capsules is based on the presumption that the terrorists, in targeting an individual SIE officer, will ultimately kill him after having subjected him to torture. (S)(U)

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1 - SY

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(U) [Relations with SIE] (S)

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Army Headquarters Bombed

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Army Headquarters bombed at 0735 hours March 15. Early reports indicate 27 military injured and one captain killed. Eleven automobiles demolished. Bombs caused considerable damage to Ministry of Defense Building and Army Headquarters. Further details to follow.

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Terrorist Activities Continue at High Level

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1. Summary: Against a background of increased public discussion
depredations
re an imminent military golpe, terrorist ~~depredations~~/in recent
days have added to a mood of heightened anxiety among the

general populace. End Summary.

2. The kidnappings in Cordoba, which have run at an ~~ALMOST~~
extraordinary
~~unbelievable~~ rate in past month, continue unabated. In

addition to the fifty plus victims reported in the press

in last month, there are indications that many more cases

have gone unreported. This, along with the bombings, shootings,

and economic unrest in the province, have left the populace

badly frightened and angry. Bombings, murders and kidnappings

have also taken place in the last few days in Salta, Jujuy,

Tucuman, etc., spreading mood of anxiety throughout country.

3. In the Federal Capital, in addition to the bombing of Army

headquarters which killed one person and wounded twenty-eight,

terrorists have in last 48 hours set off over twenty bombs and

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carried out several attacks against policemen and property.

A number of policemen in the Federal Capital, one in Mar del Plata, and one in La Plata, were killed in these acts. In the Barrio Norte-Palermo area of the Fed Capital, well over twenty bombs exploded on night of Mar 16.

Several American companies have reported receiving threatening calls and letters during past few days, mostly from Montoneros.

4. Leftist terrorists have taken responsibility for the majority of these acts though one of policemen killed was guarding Jesus Porto, a Peronist Congressman whose name is on the AAA's death list. Both publicly and privately, Argentines tend to see these actions as terrorist attempt to push military into final decision to carry out a coup. As one paper, La Opinion, put it, any organized society is vulnerable to terrorist acts. What is distressing about Argentine case is that the vulnerability extends far beyond the lives and property of those directly involved and given fragility of present institutional structure, these otherwise pointless acts may succeed.

5. While leftist terrorists are carrying out operations at an almost unprecedented level, one sign of internal strain surfaced this week. Apparently realizing that several recent police raids had resulted from info received from jailed

Montonero leader Roberto Quieto, the Montoneros issued statement

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"sentencing" Quietó to death for having sold out to
police.

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. -23

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS -
ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 22, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA, PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 22, 1976, THE MON-
TONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, CARRIED OUT A
BOMB ATTACK ~~XXXXXX~~ AT A STORAGE LOT OF THE CHRYSLER
CORPORATION IN SAN JUSTO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THERE WERE
NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND MODERATE MATERIAL DAMAGE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - COORDINATED LOCALLY. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO
MAYOR VICENTE GATEAZZO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE,
FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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SUBJECT: Closing of Squibb Argentine Plant

1. Squibb plant was closed by management on March 15, 1976 for a week, because of labor problems which have thoroughly disrupted operation of plant since last October. As of March 24th, plant has not yet resumed operations.
2. Because plant is closed, Embassy thus far which unable to contact Squibb management/exercised by Argentine nationals. Source in pharmaceutical industry has provided Embassy with following background information, which we judge to be generally reliable:

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3. In October of 1975, a number of plant labor union delegates ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ began campaign of agitation, which led, in late October, to takeover of plant and holding of executives hostage over salary and other grievances. Though demands met at that time, agitation continued. Absenteeism averaged around 25 percent. Plant engineer, factory manager and treasurer were all threatened ^{allegedly} by ERP and quit. Incident which prompted closing of plant occurred on March 10, 1976 when Montonero repeat Montonero "comando" took over plant by force of arms to harangue employees. Shortly thereafter left wing shop steward killed by unidentified group in his home and another employee wounded. Decision made to cool off plant by closing down for week after which situation would be reassessed. ~~XXXXX~~
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4. COMMENT: Source reports that Squibb managers are loath to talk about their problems even with people in same industry sector, presumably

because of threats to their personal safety. He thought Squibb personnel might prefer avoid Embassy contact for this reason. We presume Squibb will reopen when more secure climate for doing business prevails. Given change of government this could be as early as Monday, March 29th.

5. Although atypical in its virulence, the experience of Squibb is not unusual here. It is a success story for the "factory guerrillas" - proof that careful planning and hard work can bring results, and a warning as to the effectiveness of this tactic. This type of disruption has been carried out to one degree or another in a significant number of plants in Argentina both foreign and locally owned.

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ACTIVITIES; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 29, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON MARCH 26, 1976, TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE RESIDENCE OF A
FORD MOTOR COMPANY ENGINEER IN HURLINGHAM, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE,
FOR THE APPARENT PURPOSE OF KIDNAPPING THE ENGINEER. DURING
THE GUN BATTLE AT THE RESIDENCE, TWO FORD MOTOR COMPANY
SECURITY GUARDS WERE SLAIN AND THEIR WEAPONS STOLEN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE
BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (~~S~~)(U)

FROM MARCH 1, 1976, TO APRIL 1, 1976, THIRTY-TWO POLICE
OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA. SINCE THE
MARCH 23-24, 1976, MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE PERON GOVERNMENT
IN ARGENTINA, TWO SENIOR FPA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED
BY TERRORISTS AND ANOTHER SENIOR FPA OFFICIAL NARROWLY ESCAPED A
TERRORIST ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. (~~S~~)(U)

ON APRIL 2, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD,
WHO IS AN KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (~~S~~)(U)

FROM RECENTLY ACQUIRED INTELLIGENCE, THE AAIS ASCERTAINED THAT
TACTICS OF ARGENTINE TERRORISTS WILL BE TO CONDUCT AN ACCELERATED (~~S~~)(U)

1 - 80-173 [Capt. LUCERO] (~~S~~)(U)
1 - 80- [Com. Gen. BESTEIRO] (~~S~~)(U)
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CAMPAIGN OF ASSASSINATIONS OF ARGENTINE POLICE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AN EFFORT TO PROVOKE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT INTO VIOLENT RETALIATION IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH, SINCE THE MARCH 23-24, 1976, MILITARY INTERVENTION, HAS FOLLOWED A MODERATE COURSE. SHOULD THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT LED BY THE PRESIDENT, ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, FAIL TO REACT TO TERRORIST PROVOCATIONS, THE TERRORISTS HOPE THAT MORE RADICAL OFFICERS IN THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WILL TAKE STEPS TO TAKE OVER THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT BY REMOVING THE INCUMBENT MODERATE MILITARY JUNTA WHICH INCLUDES PRESIDENT VIDELA AND UNLEASHING A BLOODBATH AGAINST LEFTISTS AND TERRORISTS. (S)(U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [FIRST SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS. SECOND SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE BESTEIRO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] COORDINATED LOCALLY. (S)(U)

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B. STATE 063830
C. BA 633

1. TO DATE NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOA FEDERAL POLICE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR BENDIX MURDERS.
2. DURING THE COURSE OF A MEETING HELD BY THE AMBASSADOR AT THE RESIDENCE, THE HEADS OF OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OF APPROXIMATELY 45 U.S. COMPANIES WERE PRESENT. OF THIS NUMBER 9 DIFFERENT COMPANIES KKKKK REVEALED THEY HAD RECEIVED A WARNING FROM THE MONTONEROS SIMILAR TO THAT RECEIVED BY SPERRY RAND AND BUDD. IN ADDITION ONE MEMBER OF THE GROUP REVEALED THAT NUMEROUS ARGENTINE COMPANIES (NUMBER AND IDENTITY NOT GIVEN) HAD ALSO RECEIVED WARNINGS FROM THE MONTONEROS.

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3. RSO'S OFFICE HAS WORKED WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES WHICH HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BUDD COMPANY HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE RSO; HE REQUESTED REVIEW OF A SECURITY SURVEY MADE BY INDEPENDENT SECURITY COMPANY, SOLICITED RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS. BUDD COMPANY HAS BEEN SUPPLIED WITH ALL AVAILABLE MATERIAL (UNCLASSIFIED) RELATED TO PERSONAL PROTECTION IN A TERRORIST ENVIRONMENT. ENVIRONMENT. SIMILAR PROCEDURES HAVE ALSO BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BENDIX COMPANY.


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TO: DIRECTOR NR. 684-09

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 8, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE MORNING OF APRIL 8, 1976 TERRORISTS ATTACKED
THE RESIDENCE OF CARLOS SARDAN, AN ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE OF THE
PFIZER COMPANY, S.A.I.C., IN BOULOGNE, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
DURING THE ATTACK ONE OF SARDAN'S GUARDS WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. SARDAN ESCAPED INJURY.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE PFIZER COMPANY, SACI. IS THE
ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE PFIZER CORPORATION, 235 EAST 42ND
STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE
BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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The Ambassador
THRU:DCM

April 13, 1976

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Terrorist Incidents

At 0730 hours this morning, in Santos Lugares, a Buenos Aires suburb, there was an attack on the administrative manager of Goodyear Company. Two men and two women, using a Fiat 128 and a Chevrolet pick-up, killed his two Federal Police bodyguards, but the manager was not hurt. Information is that the group of attackers were Montoneros.

Information has also been received that the child of an anglo-Argentine employee of Monsanto Co., Buenos Aires was kidnapped on April 5, 1976. No other details are available.

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The Ambassador

April 14, 1976

THRU : Minister Chaplin
ECON: Williams Beal

Chrysler Marketing Manager Murdered

Herb Leshinsky of Chrysler telephoned April 14 to inform us that at 6:30 a.m. Sr. Jorge Kenny, Chrysler's Manager for Marketing, an Argentine, had been killed at his home. The house is in the Moron area and Kenny, who had been having breakfast, was machine-gunned through a large window as he walked toward the door of the house.

Although Kenny has had a guard at his house on occasion, there were no security guards at this particular time. The police believe that perhaps three persons were involved in the shooting. No indication was left as to what organization was responsible. Leshinsky said he had reason to believe Kenny might have become marked to be killed, but he did not wish to discuss further details on the telephone.

On another subject, Leshinsky said that the Chrysler engine plant at Chingolo had received a phone call this morning warning of a bomb in the plant. The plant had been evacuated and as of about 9:30 plant officials were awaiting the arrival of the bomb squad.

cc: LEGATT ✓
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SUMMARY: Following the March 24 coup, the Junta put into practice its plans to arrest those members of the Peronist govt it believed most likely to have been involved in corruption, malfeasance and similar misdeeds. In addition, in line with its oft-announced war against subversion, the military moved to arrest as many known or suspected subversives as possible. Though this wave of arrests was expected, it has naturally been the source of much private comment in political circles. The golpe and the subsequent arrests were carried out against the backdrop of continuing terrorist acts by both left and right. At this point, 3 weeks after the coup, it appears that arrests have been relatively few and by and large have been carried out within the legal framework established by the new Junta. END SUMMARY.

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1. In the 3 weeks after the coup, the Junta govt has arrested approximately 1500 persons. The bulk of these are govt officials, national and provincial, and labor leaders who are being held on charges of corruption. In addition, some suspected subversives have also been arrested. Added to the 1500 persons already being held by the Peronist govt under the state-of-seige provisions, the total number of political and quasi-political prisoners is now approximately 3000. While these arrests have been the subject of much conversation in political circles, the general consensus is that the arrests so far, with few exceptions, have been carried out within legal framework.

2. Even to Peronists who may themselves yet face legal difficulties with the Junta, fact that the great majority of the names of those arrested have been released to the press is taken as encouraging sign. (Embassy will shortly be sending Washington press clips giving names of those arrested to date.)

3. In recent days, Emboffs have discussed arrest issue with wide circle of contacts and finds them in general satisfied that Junta acting with relative moderation in this delicate area. For example, former Peronist Interior Minister Rocamora told Emboffs that to his knowledge most Peronists arrested since coup are being held on straight

forward corruption charges and in most cases he believed the Junta would have little problem proving charges in court. Luis Rubeo, former Peronist congressman and prominent advisor of meatworkers union, told Emboffs that to his personal knowledge, meatworker officials in Buenos Aires province and Santa Fe province, where Rubeo has his base, have been treated in a fair manner. Only two second level officials of the union are being held on corruption charges. Rubeo opined that both had had their hands in till. Osella Muñoz, a leading Peronist congressman of the Anti-Verticalista tendency, agreed with analysis of his two Peronist colleagues, adding that in his view some of the labor leaders being held "with little doubt deserved it".

4. Enrique Vanoli, Political Secretary of the UCR party, indicated that Radicals were having no problem with the military in area of human rights. Both he and party leader Ricardo Balbín believe that most of the right-wing assassinations that have taken place since the coup (in the style of the Triple-A) have been carried out by off-duty policemen without the knowledge or authorization of senior Army officers. ~~Max~~ Heriberto Kahn, columnist for La Opinion and man close to the CINCS, agreed with Vanoli's view and added that Videla, Viola, Masserra

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et al were disturbed by these incidents and realized they must stop right-wing terrorism as well as that from the left.

5. Senator Eduardo Paz, former chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, and a man who despite coup maintains good contacts with military, told Emboff that clearly some arbitrary behavior on part of authorities had occurred. He cited three cases in his home province of Tucuman where the provincial Econ Min and two men on the Governor's private staff had been severely beaten by Army troops shortly after the coup. One man died as result of beating and other two are in serious condition. Paz, upon learning of these incidents, went directly to General Harguindeguy, Interior Minister, to register a protest. He told Harguindeguy that he knew the background of the three men involved and believed they deserved legal penalties. The most severe measures the Army wishes to apply within the law will meet with public support, he added, but measures outside the law will result in public sympathy not only for clearly corrupt former officials against whom they are applied, but even for terrorists. According to Paz, Harguindeguy agreed and immediately called in aides to look into the matter, telling Paz that the military high command, try as it would, could not control every officer and thus prevent this kind of incident. However, they had made it clear that this type of arbitrary justice

was not authorized, approved or condoned by the Junta, and would be stopped wherever it came to light.

6. Our political sources, plus U.S. newsmen here (who are very sensitive to human rights issue) continue to express surprise that Junta has acted with as much moderation as it has so far, given the atmosphere of left-right terrorism which the country has endured for the last three years. Its policy is to respect human rights and it is taking measures to curb any local commander who ~~may~~, in exceeding his instructions, violate them. Even so, with arrests being made and as yet no composite list issued of those detained, horror stories based on imagination rather than fact, are inevitable. Most common and inaccurate story making rounds is that former ForMin Vignes is being held in dank cell aboard naval vessel in Buenos Aires harbor. In fact, reliable sources indicate that he, along with many prominent officials, has been placed under house detention and major inconvenience he is suffering is necessity to notify authorities before going out of his home. Another ~~inaccurate~~ story making rounds is that Raul Alfonsin, leader of liberal wing of UCR, is being held by authorities. Story is similarly inaccurate. Indeed, Alfonsin called Pol Couns yesterday regarding visa case and was most amused when told he allegedly under arrest.

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7. COMMENT: To date ~~it seems clear that~~ those human rights violations which have occurred have represented exceptions which ~~have proved the rule and~~ have resulted from excesses on part of individual military officers and police officials. They do not represent Junta policy. From personal contact and from stories relayed by our political sources, it would appear that Junta wants very much to avoid a human rights problem. In this regard, ~~we predict~~ (Apr 13) La Opinion predicts that in "next few days" military will either publicly charge those they feel are guilty of specific crimes or release them. Lab Att gives similar account from labor source who expected this process to begin after Easter holiday. Indeed, we understand from good source that Videla called in ~~xxxx~~ senior generals late last week to demand that composite list of all those detained, with charges against them, be issued ASAP. He also asked for details of the recent right-wing killings, noting that he wanted this activity stopped. His subordinates claimed they still not know the perpetrators of the terrorist acts but reportedly left meeting with understanding they were to act quickly to see it ended.

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FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

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ON APRIL 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP)
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE AFFILIATES OF U. S. CORPORATIONS
RECENTLY INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 13, 1976, TERRORISTS KILLED TWO SECURITY GUARDS
DURING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE RESIDENCE OF AN ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE"
OF THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, S. A. IN SANTOS LUGARES,
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, S.A.,
IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF GOODYEAR INTERNATIONAL, AKRON, OHIO.

ON APRIL 14, 1976, TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED AN ARGENTINE
EXECUTIVE OF THE CHRYSLER FEVRE ARGENTINA, S.A.I.C., COMPANY
AT HIS RESIDENCE IN MORON, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE CHRYSLER
FEVRE S.A.I.C., COMPANY IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE
CHRYSLER CORPORATION, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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ON APRIL 16, 1976, TERRORISTS WOUNDED A SECURITY GUARD DURING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE CRISTALERIAS RIGOLLEAU, S. A., COMPANY IN BERAZATEGUI, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE CRISTALERIAS RIGOLLEAU, S. A., COMPANY IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE CORNING GLASS WORKS, CORNING, NEW YORK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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Father and son slain

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TWO YOUNG couples murdered a father and son-bodyguard team on duty outside the home of the Argentine manager of a US company in Santos Lugares yesterday.

It was the third attack on homes of foreign businessmen — in which five bodyguards have been assassinated — since the military took over the government.

The two bodyguards, retired air force noncommissioned officer Alberto Carbone, 56, and his son Jorge Alberto Carbone, a federal policeman, 22, were waiting outside the home of Antonio Claudio Trigo, the manager of the local Goodyear tyre plant, in a car parked near his house at Anchorena 1400, Santos Lugares.

They were to have escorted the businessman to work.

But a Chevrolet pick-up and a red Fiat 128 drew up, with a man and a woman in each. The two couples got out of the vehicles and closed in on the bodyguards, opening up with automatic weapons at close range.

The two men were killed instantly. Police put out a general alarm, but the terrorists got away.

Meanwhile in Córdoba, the Third Army Corps issued a communiqué reporting that troops killed two guerrillas and wounded one or two more in the anti-subversion campaign in the semi-tropical jungle of Tucumán.

The army said that one of the slain terrorists was identified as "Lieutenant Luis," who was the commissar of the Marxist guerrillas operating in Tucumán.

Political violence has claimed the lives of 272 people since the beginning of the year.

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Fue herido el custodio de una planta fabril

Ayer, a las 18.20, varios extremistas que viajaban en un vehículo atacaron a balazos a los custodios de la cristalería Rigolleau, ubicada en Berazategui, y quedó gravemente herido un cabo primero de la policía bonaerense.

La planta de la cristalería se halla a menos de dos cuadras de la estación Berazategui, y frente a la puerta principal, ubicada en la intersección de la Avda. Rigolleau y la calle 145, se hallaban varios custodios —no se determinó con exactitud el número— que pertenecen a la policía de la provincia de Buenos Aires.

A la hora indicada, y desde un automóvil Peugeot, de color gris, ocupado por tres individuos y una mujer, se hicieron varios disparos de ametralladoras contra los custodios. Tres disparos hirieron de gravedad en la espalda al cabo primero Juan Manuel Gómez, quien fue internado en el hospital Bartolomé Churruarín, de la Capital Federal, donde fue sometido a una intervención quirúrgica.

Los agresores lograron huir, pese al intenso rastillaje que poco después del atentado realizaron por la zona numerosos efectivos policiales.

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Executive, naval officer, 3 policemen

Five murdered on bloody Wednesday

IN ANOTHER escalation of political violence, terrorists assassinated five people yesterday, including a young Chrysler executive, a navy officer and three policemen.

The murders, along with the discovery of three bodies in Córdoba which bore the hallmarks of political killings, brought the terrorism death toll to 281 since the beginning of the

year. Over 115 people have been killed in political violence since the coup on March 24.

Bloody Wednesday began when terrorists hammered on the door of the home of Chrysler marketing and distribution manager Jorge Ricardo Kelly at Uruguay 1200, Moron. When he came downstairs in his pyjamas, they shot him dead, blazing away with automatic weapons through the side windows of the house.

At 7am, terrorists waiting in three cars and a pickup outside a navy apartment building at Parana 1279 in La Lucila drove slowly by as two officers emerged from the entrance hall. There was a burst of machinegun fire from a green Ford Falcon and José Guillermo Burgos, a 48 year old commander, fell dead. Captain Alberto Quevedo, who was with him, managed to reach cover and fired back at the assailants who fled in the four vehicles.

Then at 8.30am, terrorists ambushed a police patrol car at the intersection of Avenida San Martín and Lynch in Rafael Calzada, a southern suburb of Buenos Aires, killing a sergeant, two corporals and wounding the fourth officer in the car.

In the early hours of the morning in Boulogne terrorists shot up the house where two of former President Juan Carlos Onganía's children live. They were driven off by bodyguards.

Just before 2pm, terrorists

struck again. Two cars, with six or seven occupants, opened fire on soldiers guarding the Vicente López municipality building. Only one of the troops was wounded, slightly.

The Government House press office issued an unprecedented, four-point communique commenting on this "and other events of the day." The communique said that the aim was to make the terrorists appear more powerful than they really are in order to secure recruits and "intimidate the fearful."

● Late last night an air force noncommissioned officer was assassinated by terrorists as he returned to his home in Barrio Parque in Córdoba.

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Terrorist Activities in Buenos Aires

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1. During a 32 ^{hour} period from April 13-14, a resurgence of terrorist activity occurred, including the following incidents:

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A. On April 13, at 0730 hours, a two-man bodyguard team for the Administrative Manager of Goodyear Co. was murdered by terrorists as they waited to escort the executive to work. The incident took place outside the executive's home in Santos Lugares, a Buenos Aires suburb. The Montoneros claimed credit for the action.

B. On April 14, at 0630 hours, the marketing manager for Chrysler Corp. was machine-gunned to death in his suburban Moron home. The attackers fired through a window as he went to answer the door bell.

C. At 0700 hours on the same date, two Argentine Navy Captains were killed by attackers in suburban Martinez as

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they were climbing into their car to go to work. FAL rifles and ITHAKA shotguns were used, plus a grenade which did not explode.

D. At 0915 hours, terrorists attacked a provincial police patrol in Adrogue, Province of Buenos Aires, killing three police officers and seriously wounding a fourth. The assailants drove two pick-ups and employed shotguns and machine guns.

E. At 1430 hours, 7 persons, including one woman, using 2 cars and 2 motorcycles, attacked and wounded 3 soldiers in Vicente Lopez, a Buenos Aires suburb.

2. These attacks have been executed in ~~xxxxxx~~ similar fashion.

Usually four or more people, including women, have been involved. Both pick-up trucks and cars have been used, and both ~~xxx~~/shotguns and automatic weapons have been employed.

3. On April 14, 1976, the Security Watch Committee convened. The consensus of the SWC was that recent events showed a return of terrorist activities to pre-coup levels. Also, it was thought that possibly terrorists were now hitting targets of opportunity and their bodyguards instead of high-ranking diplomats and businessmen. The SWC recommended that people with guards on their houses instruct the guards to move back from highly visible locations and to change their positions frequently so that they would be less vulnerable to a

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terrorist attack. Also at the Committee's recommendation, the automobile escort system (used during the high threat period in January, 1976) was reinstituted beginning April 15.

RSO COMMENT: The latest rash of terrorist incidents hit appear to be a ~~big~~ and-run style with the purpose being assassination. The targets (bodyguards, police, and military) are those which require planning and confidence for success.

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ON MAY 3, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

SEVERAL DAYS AGO AN ARGENTINE AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL
WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE
PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). THE ERP COMMUNICATED WITH
THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT INDICATING THEY DESIRED
TO EXCHANGE THE KIDNAPPED AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL FOR
AN ERP LEADER NAMED ENRIQUEZ, WHO HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY
ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. (S) (U)

NO NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE ENTERED INTO BY THE ARGENTINE
MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR THE RELEASE OF THE KIDNAPPED AIR
FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL SINCE IT IS THE FIRM POLICY OF THE
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS.

IN ADDITION, ENRIQUEZ DIED WHILE IN CAPTIVITY AND WOULD BE (S) (U)

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PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP)

On 5/3/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: (S) (U)

Several days ago, an Argentine Air Force Vice-Commodore was kidnapped by the Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP). The ERP communicated with the Government indicating that the kidnapped Vice-Commodore would be exchanged for a detained ERP member named ENRIQUEZ. The policy of the Argentine Military Government is not to negotiate with terrorists. (S) (U)

ENRIQUEZ had been taken prisoner by Argentine Security Forces and subsequently died. (S) (U)

The foregoing information is being held very closely by the Argentine Military. This information should not be discussed with any foreign official, including those of the Argentine Government.

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Fue Asesinado Esta Mañana un Ejecutivo de la Fiat

El ingeniero Pedro Jorge Rota, director de la fábrica de carrocería y montaje de automóviles Fiat Concord, de El Palomar, fue asesinado esta mañana en Hurlingham, provincia de Buenos Aires, poco después de salir de su domicilio para dirigirse al trabajo. De 41 años, casado con Lilia E. Greene, deja 3 hijos, de 12, 9 y 8 años de edad. Había ingresado a Fiat Concord el 24 de junio de 1958, época en que cursaba estudios de ingeniería en la Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires. Obtuvo su título de ingeniero mecánico en 1961, des-

pués de dedicarse en el cumplimiento de diversas funciones técnicas que le valieron graduaciones y ascensos hasta llegar a su actual jerarquía de director de la fábrica de El Palomar. Pedro Jorge Rota había nacido en Italia. Llegó a la Argentina a los 15 años de edad.

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ON MAY 4, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BNP) INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ADVISED THAT ON THE MORNING OF MAY 4, 1976, TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED PEDRO J. ROTA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FIAT AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLY PLANT IN EL PALOMAR, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE (BAP). SOURCE REPORTED THAT ROTA, A NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN OF ITALIAN ORIGIN, WAS INTERCEPTED BY THE TERRORISTS AS HE DEPARTED HIS RESIDENCE IN HURLINHAM, BAP.

ON MAY 5, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) REPORTED THAT FPA STATISTICS INDICATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 354 POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS IN ARGENTINA SINCE JANUARY 1, 1976. (S) (U)

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ON MAY 6, 1976, JOHN LOSER, AN EXECUTIVE WITH THE ST. JOSEPH LEAD CORPORATION, ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY IN ARGENTINA, ADVISED THAT ANGLO-ARGENTINE FAMILY FRIENDS OF THE LOSERS REPORTED THAT THEIR SON-IN-LAW, AN ANGLO-ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE WITH THE MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY, BUENOS AIRES, HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS AND HIS BODY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED ALONGSIDE A ROAD IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. MR. LOSER NOTED THAT NO PUBLICITY HAD BEEN AFFORDED TO THE ASSASSINATION AND THAT THE INFORMATION WAS CLOSELY HELD BY THE MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY ARGENTINA IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE MONSANTO COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

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ASSASSINATION OF MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY EXECUTIVE

Reference RSO Memo 4/13/76 captioned "Terrorist Incidents."

On 5/6/76, JOHN LOSER, St. Joseph's Lead Company, Buenos Aires, advised that family friends residing in Buenos Aires Province are the in-laws of an Anglo-Argentine executive with the Monsanto Chemical Company in Buenos Aires. LOSER reported that he was informed by these individuals that their son-in-law had been kidnapped approximately one month ago by unknown individuals and that his body was discovered approximately one week later by the side of a road in Buenos Aires Province. LOSER stated he had no additional details concerning the assassination, specifically whether or not the Monsanto executive had been picked up by common criminals or terrorists.

It is believed that the above described assassination probably refers to the 4/5/76 incident outlined in referenced memo indicating that the child of an Anglo-Argentine employee of Monsanto had been kidnapped.

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MONTONERO THREATS TO U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS

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1. ON MAY 3, MR. FERNANDO GIL ZORRILLA DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS LEPRTIT (SUBSIDIARY DOW CHEMICAL) AND MR. JAIME A. BRAUN ~~MM~~ BRUNET PRESIDENT OF DOW CHEMICAL OF ARGENTINA REVEALED TO THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER THAT ON APRIL 19, 1976 THE COMPANY HAD RECEIVED A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. BRUNET BUT INDICATED HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEPRTIT COMPANY. THE LETTER WAS A 3-PAGE DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE MONTONEROS DIRECTING THE COMPANY IN ITS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORKERS AND GOA SECURITY PERSONNEL.

THE COMPANY WAS DIRECTED TO FURNISH NO INFORMATION TO FEDERAL POLICE

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~~ACCORDING TO BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF~~ ACTION THAT HAD BEEN CARRIED

OUT AGAINST THE BENDIX CORP. BY THE ~~XXXXX~~ ASSASSINATION OF TWO
TOP MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY/ IN REPRISAL FOR WORKERS SUPPRESSION (REFERENCE:
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IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE DOW COMPANY HAD RECENTLY TAKEN ACTION WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THE LABOR FORCE. REPRESENTATIVES OF DOW WENT TO THE MINISTER OF LABOR REQUESTING PERMISSION TO DISCHARGE SOME OF ITS EMPLOYEES SUBSEQUENT TO THE CHANGE IN ~~XXXXXX~~ GOVERNMENT. THE MINISTRY INFORMED THE DOW REPRESENTATIVES THAT TO DISCHARGE THESE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ILLEGAL. DOW EXECUTIVES CALLED IN THE SEVEN EMPLOYEES, 3 OF WHOM ~~XXXXXX~~ WERE UNION SHOP STEWARDS AND INFORMED THEM THAT THEY WOULD BE DISCHARGED. THE SEVEN EMPLOYEES NEGOCIATED WITH DOW MANAGEMENT FOR AN ACCEPTABLE SUM AND WHEN SUCH WAS AGREED UPON, THE SEVEN EMPLOYEES RESIGNED. SUBSEQUENT TO THEIR ~~XXXXXX~~ RESIGNATION, THE DOW COMPANY RECEIVED THE DESCRIBED THREAT.

THE LEGAL ATTACHE, THE LABOR ATTACHE AND THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WERE REQUESTED TO JOIN THE MEETING... DOW REPRESENTATIVES WERE ADVISED THAT THE THREAT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY IF SUBSEQUENT THREATS SHOULD BE RECEIVED. THE LABOR ATTACHE INFORMED THE DOW COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE PHARMACEUTICAL UNION, WHICH WAS THE ONE REPRESENTED AT THIS PARTICULAR ~~PLANT~~ ^{PLANT} ~~PLANT~~, HAD A HISTORY OF BEING LEFTIST AND ACTIVIST, AND THAT ANY TREAT INVOLVING THEM SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. HE ALSO ARRANGED FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE LABOR RELATIONS EMPLOYEE OF DOW CHEMICAL.

2. THE LEGAL ATTACHE WAS ADVISED BY HERB LESHINSKY OF THE

CHRYSLER CORP. ARGENTINA THAT FOUR MAJOR EXECUTIVES OF HIS COMPANY HAD RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS FROM THE MONTONEROS. A REVIEW OF THESE LETTERS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE THE SAME FORM LETTER THAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY DOW CHEMICAL. IN ADDITION, LESHINSKY INFORMED THE LEGAL ATTACHE THAT NUMEROUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS WERE BEING RECEIVED IN THE CHRYSLER OFFICE IN SAN JUSTO. LESHINSKY WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE THE ~~XX~~ THREAT SERIOUSLY AND TO REPORT TO THE EMBASSY ANY SUBSEQUENT THREATS OR ACTIONS.

3. REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER COMMENT: PRIOR TO AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT FEBRUARY 24, NINE U.S. COMPANIES HAD REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY RECEIVING THREATS IDENTICAL TO THOSE REPORTED BY DOW CHEMICAL AND CHRYSLER. IN ADDITION, ARGENTINE NATIONALS REPRESENTING U.S. COMPANIES, HAD ADVISED THE SECURITY OFFICE THAT ARGENTINE COMPANIES HAD SIMILAR THREATS... THOSE RECEIVED BY DOW CHEMICAL AND THE CHRYSLER CORP. ARE THE FIRST REPORTED INCIDENTS ^{OF THIS TYPE} SINCE THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT.

IT IS APPARENT THAT TERRORIST ELEMENTS WITHIN ARGENTINA CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS ON REPRESENTS OF INDUSTRY, I.E. ON MAY 4, 1976, MR. PEDRO JORGE ROTE, DIRECTOR, FIAT CONCORD AUTOMOBILE PLANT, PALOMAR WAS MURDERED BY TERRORISTS. ROTE HAD DEPARTED HIS ^{HOME} ~~WORK~~ IN HURLINGHAM, A SUBURB IN BUENOS AIRES, FOR HIS OFFICE; HE WAS OPERATING HIS OWN AUTOMOBILE AND WAS

UNACCOMPANIED. HIS PROGRESS WAS INTERRUPTED BY A ROADBLOCK. HE REVERSED THE DIRECTION OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND TRAVELED ABOUT 200 METERS, WHEN HE WAS CUT OFF BY A SECOND ROADBLOCK. FOLLOWING THE SECOND CUTOFF, HE WAS EXECUTED APPARENTLY WITH A 9 MM SUBMACHINE GUN. IT WAS THE OPINION OF THE INVESTIGATING POLICE OFFICERS THAT 4 AUTOMOBILES WERE USED IN THE OPERATION.

COPIES OF THE THREAT LETTERS SENT TO CHRYSLER AND DOW CHEMICAL WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FEDERAL POLICE (NEITHER U.S.

COMPANIES NOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING THREATS WERE IDENTIFIED).

FEDERAL POLICE ADVISED THIS WAS THEIR FIRST INFORMATION ON SUCH THREATS SINCE THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT. THEY STATED THAT THE THREAT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN AS MUCH AS EXTENSIVE LABOR UNREST EXISTED. IN ADDITION, THEY ADVISED THAT IT WAS AN ACCEPTED FACT THAT THE UNIONS WERE BEING PENETRATED BY TERRORISTS. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE STATED THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AS RELATED TO MANUFACTURING PLANTS RESTED WITH THE GOA ARMY AND NOT WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED THAT THREATS WERE BEING RECEIVED BY AMERICAN COMPANIES.

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Memorandum

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TO : ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL

DATE: May 7, 1976

FROM : RSO *[initials]*

SUBJECT: Security Notice - MONTONERO AND ERP THREAT

Recently a source within the Argentine Government provided the following information: Within the next few days, the Montoneros and ERP plan to carry out penetrations against the residences of military, business, and diplomatic personnel. Disguised as door-to-door salesmen and utilities repairmen, the terrorists will attempt to gain entry for the purpose of theft, assassination, kidnapping, or bombing.

Staff are reminded that the doors of their residences should be kept locked at all times. Staff should be especially aware of unexpected callers who try to gain entry. If any situation of this nature occurs, notify Radio Control who will send a security patrol for assistance.

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E.O. 11652: GDS Exempt 5B2
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SUBJECT: Kidnapping Argentine Air Force Officer
ACTION: SecState WASHDC

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1. SUMMARY: Argentine Air Force Commodore kidnapped by members of ERP. Purpose of kidnapping to cause release of member of Chilean Revolutionary Movement (MIR). It is believed that MIR member is dead. It is alleged that should Commodore not be released action will be taken against five ERP members in GOA custody. RSO source advised Commodore was "set up" by girl. Also that Commodore had reputation as "girl chaser". Joint actions between ERP and terrorists in neighboring countries to Argentina have previously been reported. GOA police interrupted meeting of terrorist representatives of neighboring countries on March 29. Chilean intelligence reported 4 May meeting was held in Panama between S.A. leftist units and that a Soviet and Cuban representative attended. Montoneros and ERP have been known to hold hostages for release of prisoners in the past. However,

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this is the first incident reported in which a hostage has been held for release of terrorist who was member of an organization for an adjacent country.

It is also the first time in several years that a military officer has been held as a hostage for release of a prisoner. Air Attache Office confirmed kidnapping.

1. On unknown date in the latter part of April an Argentine Air Force Commodore named ECHEGOYEN (believed to be identified fully as Robert Moises ECHEGOYEN) was kidnapped by members of the Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP). ERP communication with Air Force subsequent to the kidnapping indicated that the Commodore would be released in exchange for (FNU) ENRIQUEZ, member of MIR (Chilean Revolutionary Leftist Movement). Available information indicates that (FNU) ENRIQUEZ is deceased. In addition it has been reported that the GOA Air Force has communicated to the ERP that if the Commodore is not released unharmed, action will be taken against five members of the ERP being held in custody. Available information to date indicates the GOA Commodore is still alive and no information has been made available reflecting that 5 ERP prisoners have been executed with

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ RESPECT TO THIS EVENT.

2. RSO COMMENT:

Source within the Argentine Air Force advised the following: The Commodore who was kidnapped had the reputation of "Girl Chaser". Some of his duties involved work with the GOA Congress. The Commodore's family was friendly with a Congressman who was considered radical. This Congressman had a daughter who was apparently working in an office connected with the GOA Presidency. The girl is connected with one of the terrorist groups. It is the opinion of GOA Air Force intelligence that the girl arranged a date with the Commodore and accompanied him to a night club in the Olivos-Martinez-area, and at some time during their stay in the night club the Commodore was abducted. The girl and her family have apparently disappeared from their home and places that they normally frequent. The Air Force intelligence representative confirmed that the Colonel had been kidnapped for exchange purposes with a Chilean ~~leftist~~ ~~leftist~~ (terrorist) who is deceased.

There have been repeated reports of joint action between Argentine terrorists and similar elements of countries adjacent to Argentina. In one specific incident Federal Police are believed to have broken up a meeting (March 29, 1976) in Argentina in which 50 or 60 high ranking

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members of the various terrorist groups were taking
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~~XXXXX~~. According to reports, police unwittingly,
based on a nebulous complaint, walked into the meeting
and were greeted ~~with~~ by a hail of bullets. The police
summoned reinforcements and 14 of the terrorists were
killed.

3. On 4 May the Chilean intelligence service reported
to the legal attache, this Embassy, that a secret
meeting was held near David, Republic of Panama, in
which various Latin American terrorist organizations
took part. The Chilean service ~~was~~ advised that rep-
resentatives of the Soviet Union and Cuba were present
at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to focus
attention on the future objectives, strategy and tactics
of the various terrorist elements represented both in-
~~dividually~~ individually and collectively. Allegedly generous
financing was to be provided by the Soviet Representative.

4. Montoneros and ERP have been known to use the hostage
system in attempt to obtain the release of prisoners.

Consular Agent

One example was when ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Egan was
(subsequently murdered)
kidnapped and prisoners being held by the GOA were re-
quested to be released, ~~for his release~~. The prisoners
who had been requested were deceased. A second case was the
kidnapping of the Chief Justice of the Provincial Supreme
Court of Buenos Aires for the release of Sergio SCHNEIDER,

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[member of Armed Forces of Liberation (FAL) which subsequently merged with the Montoneros. Schneider was released by the GOA and the Judge was subsequently freed by the FAL. Schneider was later killed during a terrorist operation in Northern Argentina.

This is the first incident that has been reported to the RSO in which a local terrorist group has conducted a kidnapping in an attempt to ransom a terrorist representative of an element foreign to Argentina.

5. AIR ATTACHE'S COMMENTS: A general officer of the Argentine Air Force confirmed the kidnapping and the mode of operation. However, he was very reluctant to divulge anything else. He stated the Argentine Air Force is maintaining maximum secrecy over the entire affair in order to improve the chances of recovering the officer. We estimate the probability of safe recovery as very small.

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THE AMBASSADOR
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5/7/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

RUMORS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

For your information, the following unconfirmed rumors are being widely circulated with regard to terrorist activities:

1. During the past several days, an Argentine or Dutch executive of Phillips Argentina was kidnapped by terrorists and is being held for ransom.
2. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel FICHEGOYEN was assassinated by his ERP captives and the Argentine military are keeping his assassination secret. Allegedly, the ERP managed to kidnap Lieutenant Colonel FICHEGOYEN by luring him into a trap through the kidnapping of the daughter of a Radical Party leader.
3. At least two other Argentine military officers have been kidnapped by terrorists and are being held in exchange for their captured brother terrorists.

Efforts are currently being made to substantiate the above rumors.

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Disappearance of Top Leader of Chilean MIR

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Argentine Air Force Colonel Echegoyen was kidnapped in late

April by ERP, which demanded release of MIR leader Edgardo

Enriquez who it was believed had been captured or killed by

Argentine security forces. GOA has suppressed all public

notice of incident. Details of matter were sent to USDAO

Santiago in ref b. It is understood that Enriquez is dead.

Unconfirmed rumors are circulating that ERP has killed Echegoyen,

despite warning by security forces that reprisals would be

taken against ERP prisoners in GOA custody if Echegoyen not

released unharmed.

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Executive, corporal, 6 guer

ONE police corporal, a company executive and six terrorists were killed yesterday in violence in Buenos Aires, Rosario, Mendoza and Córdoba.

The corporal, Héctor Oscar Genolet, a winner of the police medal for valor in 1974, was killed when a terrorist group attacked police on guard duty in a place west of Buenos Aires, an official statement said.

The guards managed to throw off the attackers, killing one of them and wounding another, according to the evidence shown by blood stains in a captured car, but corporal Genolet was killed.

The police statement said that in their

retreat, a woman threw acid over the face of the dead extremist, to delay recognition. The police statement said also that guns and ammunition were seized in the car abandoned by the guerrillas.

In Rosario, Miguel Salesky, 59 industrial security chief at the Swift plant, was shot dead yesterday morning in an ambush by terrorists when he was on his way to work.

Salesky, who lived in the Saladillo district of the city, had only just left his home and walked a block, when a car stopped in front of him and several men shot at him.

Not long ago, Salesky's home had

been the target of terrorists' shooting, and he had also received death threats.

In Córdoba, the third army corps command announced that five guerrillas, two in Mendoza and three in Córdoba, were killed in anti-subversion operations.

The two killed in Mendoza, a man and a woman, were trapped at a house which security forces tried to raid on the suspicion that it was used as a meeting place for terrorists. When the search was resisted, the forces fired on the house until resistance ceased.

In Córdoba, an abortive attempt to free two terrorists under arrest, led to the death of both and of one of the attackers.

The two captive terrorists were identified as José Angel Pucheta and Sgandurra, which the army described as members of the Marxist extremist group. The communique assumed that the dead attacker was a member of the same group, although he was not identified. Six others escaped.

Yesterday's incident in Córdoba followed rioting in the city on Thursday night. The army command said that one guerrilla was shot dead and three others captured by police. The army statement said the terrorists had a plan to burn and loot several offices. The three captured terrorists will be tried by military court, the statement said. (NA)

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En el Interior de un Automóvil Hallan en Avellaneda los Cadáveres de Dos Agentes de la Policía de Buenos Aires

OFICIALMENTE la Policía de la provincia de Buenos Aires informó, por medio del parte N° 668, sobre el hallazgo, en el interior de un vehículo, de dos agentes policiales muertos. Dice la información que, ante una denuncia,

personal policial concurrió a la intersección de las calles Cadorna y Helguera, en Avellaneda, donde se hallaba estacionado un automóvil marca Dodge, patente 649.950. En su interior se encontraban los cadáveres de dos hom-

bres. Posteriores averiguaciones permitieron comprobar que se trataba de los agentes de investigaciones de la policía de la provincia, Rubén Daniel Romagnoli y Héctor Anibal Rincón. Se inició una profunda investigación.

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Police search for

POLICE yesterday launched a nationwide dragnet for abducted CGT trustee Colonel Juan Alberto Pita, seized by a group of terrorists as he was driving home in his car near the city of La Plata. Colonel Pita was forced at gunpoint to board another car which then drove off, leaving behind Mrs. Pita who was unharmed.

The army general command on Monday morning issued a statement which said that the colonel was kidnapped on Sunday evening at about 6.40pm. This information was released too late for inclusion in yesterday's Herald.

Meanwhile in Córdoba the Third Army released details of five prominent terro-

rists who were killed in a shootout on May 20 in Tucumán city.

They include Eduardo González Paz ("Tomas" or "Martín"), who is said to have contacted Third World priests in 1971 and to have conducted indoctrination courses in Salta since 1974. He was one of the political detainees given amnesty during the 1973 government of Héctor José Campora.

Also killed was his wife, Nora Spagni, who conducted political indoctrination under the guise of social assistance.

Fernando Saavedra Lamas ("Pepo") was the military head of the organization's Buenos Aires city section.

Maria Alejandra Niklison de

Iribarren ("Mercedes" or "Mecha") lived with Gerardo Romero ("Fitipaldi") after her husband, Victor Iribarren, was killed in a Santa Fe shootout. She had been arrested and also given amnesty by Campora in 1973.

Of Miguel Angel González Cano and Atilio Brandsen it is only known that they were officers in the organization and were in charge of military operations in the eastern part of Salta province.

Meanwhile Atilio Baldassani, a postal union leader who heads the Argentine delegation to the ILO conference in Geneva, said that the delegation would refer with total reality to what is going on in Argentina as far as concerns Argen-

tinelabour.

Pita's abduction was sharply criticized by several of the union men in the delegation. They referred to it as "unfortunate", "irritative" and "an obstacle to unity of the Argentine people."

Baldassani told newsmen that one of their main concerns was for labourers who are under arrest.

Truckdrivers' union leader Ricardo Pérez said that "once more, the enemies of Argentina provoke an irritative action that is nothing more than an assault on the possibilities of unity of the people. This, obviously, is a provocation," he said.

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SUBJECT: CGT Interventor Kidnapped

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1. In their most significant operation since the military takeover March 24, terrorists kidnapped Col. Juan Alberto Pita, military interventor of the CGT, Sunday evening (May 30) as he was driving home with his wife near the city of La Plata.
2. Federal and local police immediately cordoned off the surrounding streets and launched a nationwide dragnet for the abductors. Pita, who had no bodyguard and had taken no special security precautions since being named CGT interventor a month ago, was apparently forced at gunpoint to board another car which drove off, leaving Mrs. Pita unharmed.
3. The Army General High Command issued a terse statement announcing the kidnapping. Pita was the highest ranking official attacked since the March 24 coup. His abduction was apparently timed to embarrass and discredit the GOA on the eve of the International Labor Organization's annual conference

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which opened today (June 1) in Geneva.

4. Pita had defined his mission as a "strategy of dialogue" between government and labor. He pledged to combat subversion and corruption in the labor movement and to follow the new government's directives in establishing a single, centralized and apolitical labor movement.

5. Pita had made it clear he intended to work exclusively through military officials, while maintaining open communications with labor leaders "on concrete subjects." He said only "authentic leaders who act as genuine representatives of the Argentine worker" ~~he~~ would be allowed to participate in the national reorganization.

6. Pita was born in San Carlos de Bariloche. He entered military academy in 1944 and occupied a number of high posts in the Army High Command. For the last two years he served as chief of the Information Department of the Army General Staff.

7. Comment. The abduction of Pita has been viewed by many as a "tactic of desperation," a relatively simple, low-risk attack calculated to reap widespread publicity for Argentine terrorists. GOA has been particularly concerned to present a unified front at the Labor Conference in Geneva and to gain international support for its policies of local labor reorganization, as well as international sympathy in its battle against subversive terrorism.

8. The kidnapping, however, was again a remarkably smooth,

swift operation carried out in daylight hours in a heavily traveled location, not 20 minutes from Pita's home.

9. A number of Argentine papers have suggested that the Pita case illustrates how the badly battered terrorist groups have been reduced to spot actions against easy targets. (Terrorists have suffered heavy losses in recent weeks, including 18 dead in a spate of raids over the weekend.) As they continue to suffer heavy losses, La Opinion predicts, the terrorists may be forced to fall back on actions that produce the most publicity with the least waste of their hard-pressed resources.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES - FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JUNE 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. (S) (U)

IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 18, 1976,

LIEUTENANT GENERAL CESAREO A. CARDOZO, AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL, WAS KILLED WHEN A TERRORIST BOMB DETONATED IN HIS APARTMENT IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES. GENERAL CARDOZO'S MOTHER-IN-LAW, WIFE AND DAUGHTER WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE HOLOCAUST. FPA AND ARGENTINE ARMY UNITS ARE CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE SWEEPS OF BUENOS AIRES IN AN EFFORT TO DETAIN THE PERPETRATOR. INITIAL FPA INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT THE BOMB WAS PLACED INSIDE OF GENERAL CARDOZO'S APARTMENT BY SOMEONE HAVING ACCESS TO THE PREMISES, IT BEING NOTED THAT GENERAL CARDOZO HAS NUMEROUS BODYGUARDS AND HIS RESIDENCE IS PROTECTED BY GUARDS ON A 24-HOUR DAILY BASIS. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE EVARISTO BESTIARO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA (S) COORDINATED LOCALLY

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IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), BRIGADIER GENERAL CESAREO A. CARDOZO, AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY OFFICER, HAD BEEN KILLED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 18, 1976, BY A TERRORIST BOMB, WHICH DETONATED IN HIS APARTMENT IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES.

ON JUNE 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE PERPETRATOR OF THE BOMBING WHICH KILLED GENERAL CARDOZO AND INJURED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE AAIS AS LILIANA CASAL, A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ASSOCIATION, THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY (ERP). CASAL HAD BEEN DETAINED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO BY THE FPA BASED ON INFORMATION SECURED DURING INTERROGATIONS WITH OTHER ERP MEMBERS INDICATING THAT SHE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE GROUP.

CASAL WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF GENERAL CARDOZO'S ~~(S)~~ (U)

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DAUGHTER, WHO ASSURED GENERAL CARDOZO THAT CASAL WAS NOT A TERRORIST. GENERAL CARDOZO ORDERED CASAL BE RELEASED FROM FPA CUSTODY ON HIS AUTHORITY AS CHIEF OF THE FPA. CASAL VISITED THE CARDOZO APARTMENT DURING EARLY EVENING OF JUNE 17, 1976, TO THANK THE CARDOZO FAMILY IN ARRANGING FOR HER RELEASE FROM FPA CUSTODY. WHILE AT THE CARDOZO APARTMENT CASAL TOLD ~~EXX~~ CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER THAT SHE WANTED TO MAKE A VERY PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALL AND CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER ALLOWED HER ACCESS TO GENERAL CARDOZO'S BEDROOM. ~~EXXEXX~~ CASAL TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE A POWERFUL BOMB MADE UP OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE. (~~S~~)(U)

CASAL IS CURRENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE AAIS AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE FPA FOR LEGAL PROCESSING. (~~S~~)(U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - REMYCAB JUNE 18, 1976, WHICH REPORTED ON GENERAL CARDOZO'S DEATH. SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS. (~~S~~)(U)

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS EXCLUSIVE AND HAS BEEN COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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Violence claims three

POLITICAL violence claimed three more lives in Argentina yesterday in three separate incidents in which a retired army colonel, a businessman and an unidentified terrorist were killed in shootouts. The wife of another retired colonel was also badly injured.

Retired Colonel Juan Carlos Mendieta was leaving his Parque Centenario (BA city) home yesterday at 7am when he found the way through a narrow alley blocked by a pickup which appeared to have broken down.

He then discovered that another car, a Dodge saloon, had come up behind him. The occupants of the car got out and, according to eyewitnesses, ordered Mendieta to get out of his car and into theirs.

Mendieta resisted and was shot pointblank by the assailants who then fled in the Dodge. Ropes and gags were found in the abandoned pickup, confirming the suspicion that the terrorists wanted to kidnap Mendieta.

Later yesterday morning, in Florida, an attempt was made to kidnap retired Colonel César del Toral, who was accompanied by his wife according to information released by the army.

The information added that Del Toral resisted the attempt and fatally shot one of his aggressors, after which the remainder fled. However, Mrs Del Toral was severely injured in the crossfire although sources said last night she was "out of danger."

In what also appeared to have political connotations, businessman Mario Halpern, 46, was shot dead by a group of people in the busy Buenos Aires district of La Paternal.

Halpern was reported to have been walking down Alvarez Jon-te street when several people came up to him and shot him at pointblank range.

Halpern, identified as "an executive of the FAE Electric company", slumped to the ground and the assailants disappeared. There was no further information as to the murder or its motives.

In another development the government ordered the deportation of six Peruvian citizens who had been held under arrest under suspicion of involvement in terrorism. The government is empowered to expel foreigners "who attempt against national security."

© LATE last night it was

reported that a police officer, Carlos Bonifacio Ferreyra, was mowed down in a hail of bullets fired by three men and a woman as he was leaving his La Plata home. Ferreyra was on his way to take up his duties at a local police station. His killers escaped in a grey Ford Falcon. The dead man joined the provincial police force in 1948. He was married and father of a girl of 20 and a boy of 18. (NA)

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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0200 HOURS JUNE 17, 1976 RSO WAS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL POLICE SOURCES: AT 0135 HOURS JUNE 15, 1976 A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE APARTMENT OF GENERAL CESAREO CARDOZO CHIEF GOA FEDERAL POLICE. THE BOMB HAD APPARENTLY BEEN PLACED IN THE BEDROOM OCCUPIED BY GENERAL CARDOZO. GENERAL CARDOZO WAS KILLED AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WERE WOUNDED.

2. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION FROM GOA FEDERAL POLICE REVEALED THAT THE ~~EXPLOSIVE~~ ^{EXPLOSIVE} DEVICE WAS APPARENTLY PLACED IN THE BEDROOM BY A ~~FRIEND~~ ^{FEMALE} OF GENERAL CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER (IDENTITY UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME). THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD BEEN IN THE CARDOZO APARTMENT PRIOR TO DEPARTING THE RESIDENCE, SHE SAID SHE HAD LEFT SOMETHING IN THE BEDROOM AND PROCEEDED TO THAT LOCATION. SHE

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CARRIED WITH HER A BRIEFCASE, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ACTIVATED THE TIMING DEVICE, AND PLACED THE BOMB UNDER THE SIDE OF THE BED NORMALLY OCCUPIED BY THE GENERAL. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS CURRENTLY IN THE HANDS OF FEDERAL POLICE. OTHER PERSONS ~~HNKT~~ REPORTED INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION WERE THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER AND HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

3. OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE ON THIS INCIDENT IS STATING THAT THE BOMB WAS PLACED IN THE ELEVATOR AND/OR THE foyer ADJACENT TO THE ELEVATOR AT THE FRONT OF THE APARTMENT OCCUPIED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE. IT IS ALSO BEING REPORTED THAT THE BOMB WAS ACTIVATED BY RADIO.

4. RSO COMMENT: THE GOA NEWS RELEASE IS PROBABLY DISTORTED IN ORDER TO COVER THE IDENTITY OF THE GIRL WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PLACED THE BOMB UNDER THE BED. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE THE DAUGHTER OF A PROMINENT FAMILY IN ORDER TO BE AN ASSOCIATE OF A DAUGHTER OF AN ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST INCIDENT REPORTED IN WHICH A CHILD OF A PROMINENT FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A TERRORIST INCIDENT. THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF THE BOMB IN THE GENERAL'S BEDROOM AND RELATED INFORMATION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE PRESS OFFICER THROUGH PRESS MEDIA PERSONNEL WITH HIGH RANKING CONNECTIONS.

5. AS FOREGOING INFORMATION BEING TRANSCRIBED, LEGAT SOURCE IN ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE REPORTED PERPETRATOR OF BOMBING WAS IDENTIFIED AS LILIANA CASAL, A PERSONAL FRIEND OF GENERAL CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER. CASAL HAD BEEN DETAINED BY THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO AS SUSPECTED ERP MEMBER, BASED ON INTERROGATION WITH OTHER ERP PRISONERS. HOWEVER, GENERAL CARDOZO ACTING ON THE DAUGHTER'S PLEAS THAT CASAL WAS INNOCENT, INTERCEDED ON HER BEHALF AND ORDERED HER RELEASE FROM FPA CUSTODY. CASAL VISITED CARDOZO APARTMENT EARLY EVENING JUNE 17, 1976, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO CARDOZO FAMILY AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO USE TELEPHONE FOR A PRIVATE CONVERSATION. CARDOZO'S DAUGHTER ALLOWED CASAL ACCESS TO GENERAL CARDOZO'S BEDROOM, AT WHICH TIME PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WAS PLACED. CASAL IS CURRENTLY IN ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CUSTODY AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO FPA FOR LEGAL PROCESSING.

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO THE RSO BY THE SECURITY OFFICER OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO FOREIGN NATIONALS TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY PER REQUEST OF SOURCE.
2. BILL JAMES AND WIFE RUTH WERE ABDUCTED FROM THEIR HOME BY APPROXIMATELY 10 MEN, BETWEEN 0200-0300 HOURS JUNE 12, 1976. JAMES IS THE MANAGER OF THE BRITISH COMPANY YELMO WHICH MANUFACTURES ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. HE RESIDES AT CATAMARCA 2920 IN THE SUBURB OF OLIVOS ADJACENT TO THE FEDERAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES. THE JAMES' WERE CARRIED TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION, WERE HANDCUFFED AND HOODED DURING TRANSPORT. AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN CUSTODY, THEY WERE KEPT HANDCUFFED AND HOODED. THE ROOM IN WHICH THEY WERE DETAINED WAS BARE EXCEPT FOR A BED AND MATTRESS.

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AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, THE ABDUCTORS USING SOME TYPE OF CREDENTIAL IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF A GOA SECURITY FORCE: EXACT ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN.. THE VICTIMS WERE INFORMED THAT THEY WERE BEING TAKEN TO COORDINATION FEDERAL, WHICH IS AN ELEMENT OF FEDERAL POLICE SECURITY. DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR CAPTIVITY, THEY WERE QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE FACT THAT THEIR NAMES HAD BEEN FOUND AMONG PAPERS OBTAINED DURING THE COURSE OF A RAID ON AN ERP HIDEOUT.. MR JAMES WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE THE ABDUCTORS THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION AND THAT HE AND HIS WIFE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ERP OR ITS ACTIVITIES.

WHILE BEING HELD, MRS. JAMES INFORMED INDIVIDUALS AT HER RESIDENCE BY TELEPHONE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND MONDAY AFTERNOON (June 14, 1976) THAT THEY WERE "OK" AND WOULD BE HOME THAT SAME DAY. THE JAMES' WERE RELEASED SEPARATELY BETWEEN 2 AND 4 AM OF THE MORNING OF JUNE 15.. MRS. JAMES WAS RELEASED IN PALERMO PARK, WHILE MR. JAMES WAS RELEASED AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN THE CENTER OF BUENOS AIRES.. NEITHER OF THE JAMES' WERE ABUSED DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR DETENTION.

3. SOURCE ADVISED THAT BILL JAMES HAD BEEN IN ARGENTINA AS A BUSINESSMAN FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS. THAT MRS. JAMES WAS AN ARGENTINE NATIONAL WHO FREQUENTLY TRAVELED FOR BRITISH BUSINESS FIRMS ACTING AS A SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETER. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE JAMES' ABDUCTION HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED BY ANY NEWS MEDIA IN ARGENTINA.

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Gonzalez home bombed

THREE powerful bombs yesterday completely destroyed the Beccar, Greater Buenos Aires, home where Ana Maria Gonzalez, 20, suspected murdereress of police chief General Cesáreo Cardozo, lived until recently.

Miss Gonzalez, wanted in connection with a bomb which went off under Cardozo's bed as he

slept, disappeared after the murder and is still a fugitive.

Eyewitness reports said the bombs used yesterday had been carefully placed at points where they would do the most damage and had been set off simultaneously for maximum shockwave effect.

All the house's lighter structure was demolished and the

walls and roof may have cracked, reports said.

It was also learned yesterday that over the weekend Miss Gonzalez' parents, Dr Alberto Gonzalez and psychologist Ana Maria Cabian, turned themselves into the police.

They said they had no connection with the murder of General Cardozo and were released after their testimony.

But there was doubt about the whereabouts of Ana Maria's brother, Abel. It was not possible to confirm reports that he had been arrested.

Abel and Mrs Gonzalez, lived in Beccar, in the home which was blown up yesterday. Dr and Mrs Gonzalez were living apart.

Reports said that Ana Maria's parents both disappeared from their homes after the girl phoned them and told them to keep clear of police. She did not, apparently, tell them what had happened.

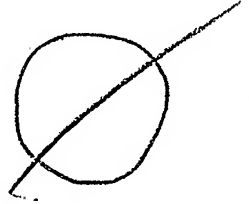
Yesterday's explosions occurred at about 2am and shattered windows in houses for some distance around. A few minutes later, a bomb destroyed a car parked nearby, but there did not seem to be any connection between both incidents.

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THE MONTONEROS

On 7/1/76, JUAN HARRY HARPLES, Vice President, Braniff International Airways, provided the following information:

At approximately 1:00 A.M., 7/1/76, the sister of his son-in-law, accompanied by her boyfriend, were returning to the former's residence located at J. C. Varela 1035, Acassuso, in the boyfriend's Fiat automobile. After turning right off Avenida Libertador on to Varela, the couple were overtaken by another Fiat containing five male individuals in their early 20's. The second Fiat cut off the couple's car and the five male individuals, three of whom carried machine guns, while the other two were armed with .45 caliber automatic pistols, forced the couple out of their car and made them disrobe. During the disrobing process, the five armed individuals identified themselves as Montoneros and told the couple that they were taking their car for use in a Montonero operation, and that the car would be abandoned after the operation had been carried out. Also during the disrobing process, the couple were harangued by the five armed individuals with typical Montonero propaganda and were accused of being oligarchs. Money and jewelry were returned to the couple by the five armed individuals, who took the couple's car and their clothing with them, when they departed the area. The couple obtained clothing from the girl's residence and they immediately went to the Buenos Aires Provincial Police Precinct located on Balcarce in Martinez, in order to make the appropriate denuncia. At the Buenos Aires Provincial Police Precinct the couple was told that their's was the third such incident involving Montoneros that had taken place in the jurisdiction of the precinct during the past week.

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IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT A POWERFUL BOMB DETONATED
IN THE CAFETERIA OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS) (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)
DURING THE NOON LUNCH HOUR OF JULY 2, 1976, KILLING AND INJURING
A SCORE OF FPA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES. (S) (U)

ON JULY 4, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A
RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FPA DFS, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: (S) (U)

AS OF JULY 4, 1976, TOTAL DEAD AS A RESULT OF THE JULY
2, 1976 BOMBING AT THE FPA DFS AMOUNTED TO 18 INDIVIDUALS. SIXTY-
EIGHT OTHER FPA OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WERE INJURED, SOME
CRITICALLY AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. (S) (U)

FPA INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE BOMB WHICH DETONATED (S) (U)

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AT THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 2, 1976 HAD BEEN PLACED AGAINST A SUPPORTING COLUMN IN THE CAFETERIA LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR. WHEN THE BOMB DETONATED, ~~THEX~~SEVERELY IT WEAKENED THE SUPPORTING COLUMN CAUSING THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE FPA DFS BUILDING TO COLLAPSE INTO THE CAFETERIA BELOW. EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DMAGE RESULTED IN THE FPA DFS BUILDING WHICH INCLUDES CRACKS UP TO SIX ^{INCHES} FT. IN WIDTH AS HIGH AS THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. NUMEROUS FILE CABINETS AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT WERE MOVED CLOSER TO OUTER WALLS AND SUPPORTING COLUMNS TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE COLLAPSE OF OTHER FLOORS IN THE BUILDING. THERE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT THE BUILDING WILL HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY ABANDONED DUE TO STRUCTURAL WEAKNESSES. (S) (U)

FPA INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE BOMB WAS PROBABLY PLACED BY A RETIRED FPA SERGEANT WHO HAD BEEN RECALLED TO TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY. IT IS NOTED THAT THE FPA SGT. IN QUESTION WAS SEEN ENTERING FPA FEDERAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OUR BEFORE THE BOMB DETONATED CARRYING A PACKAGE APPROXIMATELY ONE FT. SQUARE, WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO CONTAIN THE BOMB. THE SGT. WAS SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED DEPARTING FPA (S) (U)

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FEDERAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT THE PACKAGE AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN. ~~(S)~~ (U)

AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING, CONSIDERABLE BAD FEELING IMMEDIATELY DEVELOPED WITHIN THE FPA COMMISSIONED OFFICERS RANKS SINCE THE RECENTLY APPOINTED FPA CHIEF, ARMY BRIGADIER GEN. ARTURO CORBETTA HAD LAID THE LAW DOWN AS IT WERE TO FPA INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OFFICIALS WITH REGARD TO ^EEXTRALEGAL FPA ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE TERRORIST TARGET. GEN. CORBETTA HAD ISSUED STRICT INSTRUCTIONS THAT ALL EXTRALEGAL FPA ACTIVITY WAS TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY AND THAT ONLY LEGAL MEANS WERE TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE FPA DFS IN COMBATING THE WIDESPREAD TERRORISM WHICH EXISTS IN ARGENTINA. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER MANY FPA DFS OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT LEGAL METHODS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO CRUSH WIDESPREAD TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA AND IN FACT, EXTRALEGAL ACTIVITIES BY ARGENTINA^U SECURITY FORCES, INCLUDING THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES AND THE FPA, ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. FEELING AGAINST GEN. CORBETTA DURING THE WEEKEND OF JULY 3-4, 1976 GREW TO THE POINT THAT SEVERAL IMPORTANT FPA DFS OFFICIALS ACCUSED GEN. CORBETTA OF BEING A LEFTIST AND EVEN A MEMBER OF THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION. ~~(S)~~ (U) ONE SUCH OFFICIAL TO OPENLY VOICE HIS CRITICISM OF GEN. CORBETTA WAS THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, A CAREER FPA OFFICER WITH ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE RANK OF COMISARIO GENERAL. THE DIRECTOR OF FPA FEDERAL SECURITY WHO VOICED HIS CRITICISM OF GEN. CORBETTA IS A TRUSTED CONFIDANT OF BRIGADIER GEN. ALBANO HARGUINDEGUY, THE INCUMBENT MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND FORMER FPA CHIEF. (~~S~~) (U)

ON JULY 5, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS ALSO A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FPA DFS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (~~S~~) (U)

NUMEROUS FPA DFS OFFICIALS WHO HAVE CLOSELY WORKED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES, SPECIFICALLY THE ARGENTINA ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, IN COMBATING GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA, HAVE CONTACTED THEIR ARGENTINE ARMY COUNTERPARTS TO BITTERLY COMPLAIN ABOUT GEN. CORBETTA'S ORDERS AND HIS GENERAL BEHAVIOUR IN HIS RECENTLY ACQUIRED POSITION AS FPA CHIEF. THROUGH THESE SENIOR ARGENTINE ARMY CONTACTS FPA DFS OFFICIALS WERE ASSURED THAT GEN. CORBETTA WOULD BE REPLACED AS FPA CHIEF. SEVERAL SENIOR FPA DFS OFFICIALS FEARED THAT GEN. CORBETTA, UNLESS HE WAS PROMPTLY RELIEVED FROM HIS POSITION AS FPA CHIEF, WOULD TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION AGAINST THE FPA DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY BECAUSE OF HIS OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF GEN. CORBETTA. (~~S~~) (U)

ON JULY 6, 1976, GEN. CORBETTA ~~XXXX~~ ANNOUNCED THAT THE FPA (~~S~~) (U)

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DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, AS WELL AS THE FPA DIRECTOR OF METROPOLITAN SECURITY, HAD BEEN FIRED FROM THEIR POSITIONS BECAUSE ~~BEFORE~~ HE HELD THEM PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE IN FAILING TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PREVENT THE JULY 2, 1976 BOMBING OF THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS THE BOMBING ON ^{JUNE} ~~JULY~~ 15, 1976 WHICH KILLED THE FORMER FPA CHIEF, BRIGADIER GENERAL CESAREO CARDOSO. GEN. CORBETTA IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT INDICATED THAT FOLLOWING HIS LINE OF REASONING IN ASSIGNING INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY RESULTING IN THE DISMISSAL OF THE FPA DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY AND METROPOLITAN SECURITY, ^{HE} REQUESTED THAT HIS SUPERIOR, THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ~~KNOWLEDGE~~ CONSIDER ~~HE~~ WHETHER IT BE APPROPRIATE THAT HE CONTINUE AS FPA CHIEF. (S) (U)

ON JULY 6, 1976, A THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ADVISED THAT THE MINISTER WAS ANGRY OVER GEN. CORBETTA'S ACCUSATIONS AND STATEMENTS AND HAD INDICATED HE BELIEVED THAT GEN. CORBETTA HAD SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED THE ARGENTINE ARMY AND WAS RESORTING TO PETTY POLITICS IN THE DISMISSAL OF THE TWO SENIOR FPA COMISARIOS GENERALES. THIS SOURCE ADVISED THAT GEN. CORBETTA WOULD BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL, PROBABLY BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 6, 1976. (S) (U)

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THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED GEN. OJEDA, THE COMMANDER OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY ARMORED DIVISION IN TANDIL, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WOULD BE DESIGNATED THE NEW FPA CHIEF. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR HAD COMMENTED THAT FROM ALL INFORMATION REACHING HIM, THE FPA OFFICERS CORPS WAS IN A VIRTUAL STATE OF MUTINY WHICH COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED BY THE SACKING OF GEN. CORBETTA. (S) (U)

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FIRST SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA. (S) (U)

SECOND SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR VICENTE GALEAZZO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE, DFS, FPA. (S) (U)

THIRD SOURCE IS COMISARIO GUILLERMO OSCAR ICELY, FPA, DETAILED TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. (S) (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -06

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 5, 1976, HERBERT LESHINSKY, MANAGING DIRECTOR,
CHRYSLER FEBRE ARGENTINA, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE CHRYSLER
CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

DURING THE PAST WEEK, NINE EXECUTIVES OF CHRYSLER
FEBRE ARGENTINA HAVE RECEIVED A FORM LETTER FROM THE MONTONERO
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION THREATENING RETALIATION SHOULD THE
EXECUTIVES COOPERATE WITH SECURITY FORCES IN IDENTIFYING
CHRYSLER FEBRE ARGENTINA EMPLOYEES AS GUERRILLAS. A POSTSCRIPT
TO THE MONTONERO FORM LETTER INDICATES THAT SIMILAR LETTERS
WERE BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY MAILED TO MORE THAN 2,000 OTHER
EXECUTIVES FROM 200 COMPANIES IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS
AIRES AND BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

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ON JUNE 30, 1976, IT WAS NECESSARY TO SPIRIT A CHRYSLER FEBRE ARGENTINA EXECUTIVE OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO SAO PAULO, BRAZIL BECAUSE OF SURVEILLANCE AND SHADOWING ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE, WHO IS THE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL FOR CHRYSLER FEBRE ARGENTINA. IN ADDITION TO SHADOWING AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THIS EXECUTIVE, THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WERE ALSO RECEIVED BY THE EXECUTIVE AT HIS RESIDENCE AND AT THE CHRYSLER FEBRE ARGENTINA PLANT.

ON MAY 29, 1976, THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) ADVISED LESHINSKY THAT MEMBERS OF A CELL OF (S)(U) THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), ANOTHER ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, HAD BEEN EXTRALEGALLY DETAINED BY THE AAIS AND UNDER INTERROGATION PROVIDED DETAILS OF AN OPERATION IDENTIFIED BY THE CODE NAME "MORON." ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE AAIS, "OPERATION MORON" ENTAILED THE ASSASSINATION OF LESHINSKY. THE AAIS ADVISED THAT LESHINSKY HAD BEEN UNDER (S)(U)

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SURVEILLANCE AND THAT HIS COMPANY CAR AND VEHICLES USED TO
TRANSPORT HIS BODYGUARDS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE AAIS
ADVISED THAT THE LEADER OF THE ERP CELL, IDENTIFIED AS "CAPTAIN
MIGUEL", HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE; HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY 60%
OF THE ERP CELL ASSIGNED TO "OPERATION MORON" HAD BEEN DETAINED
BY THE AAIS. THE ASSASSINATION OF LESHINSKY WAS SCHEDULED
TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 31, 1976. IT IS NOTED THAT LESHINSKY
SPENT THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1976 IN BRAZIL ON CHRYSLER CORPORATION
BUSINESS. (S) (u)

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 6, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS) (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (~~S~~) (U)

DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 6, 1976, THE WIFE OF AN FPA
DFS COMMISSIONED OFFICER WAS KIDNAPPED IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL
BY UNKNOWN SUBJECTS PRESUMED TO BE TERRORISTS. AS OF THE
EVENING OF JULY 6, 1976 NO COMMUNICATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED
FROM THE (KIDNAPPERS. (~~S~~) (U)

THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS ROSE TO 20 ON JULY
6, 1976, WHEN TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS DIED OF THEIR INJURIES. (~~S~~) (U)

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THE FPA BOMB SQUAD COMPLETED THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE BOMB WAS COMPOSED OF AT LEAST EIGHT KILOS OF TROTYL, SIMILAR TO PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, AND HAD BEEN FABRICATED IN THE FORM OF A CLAYMORE-TYPE BOMB UTILIZING BALL BEARINGS TO INSURE HEAVIER PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. A SECOND BOMB WAS DISCOVERED ON JULY 2, 1976 IN A LAVATORY AT DFS HEADQUARTERS BUT HAD BEEN DEFUSED BY FPA EXPLOSIVE EXPERTS. THE FPA BOMB SQUAD CONCLUDED THAT SHOULD THE SECOND BOMB HAVE DETONATED, IT WOULD HAVE ~~E~~ VIRTUALLY LEVELED DFS HEADQUARTERS. (~~S~~)(U)

AS ANTICIPATED, THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR CONFIRMED THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIGADIER GENERAL EDMUNDO OJEDA AS CHIEF OF THE FPA. (~~S~~)(U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE JULY 6, 1976.

SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DFS. (~~S~~)(U)

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Abduction of Two Mormon Missionaries

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July 2, 1976: During the evening of July 2, 1976, James E. Faust, Area Supervisor for the Mormon Church and Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, advised in substance that on Friday, June 25, 1976, two Mormon missionaries, Peter Allen Shaw and Thayne Larson, were contacted by a young woman who said she had a friend who wanted to speak with them. They agreed to meet her the following day and be taken to her friend. On Saturday, June 26, she introduced them to a man who took them in his car from their post in Corrientes to Candelaria. When they arrived in Candelaria, they were taken to a vacant house. At that point, four men armed with knives and guns came to the car, took the two missionaries into the house, tied them up, blindfolded them, and took them to a canoe or boat. They set across the Parana River, but the boat sank a short distance from the opposite bank, and they had to

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swim and wade ashore, where they were met by four other men who took them into the Paraguayan jungle to a shack, where they stayed for two days. After this period of time, they were moved to a better house, where there were a woman and a young man (who was possibly her son). This young man said he ~~didn't~~ didn't like what was going on and was going to fetch the police. He did, and the police arrived during the night, broke into the house, and arrested those present. At the time the police raided the house, one of the missionaries reached beneath his bed to get his shoe and was shot in the shoulder by a policeman who apparently thought he was reaching for a weapon. Following the raid, Shaw (the wounded one) and Larson walked about three miles through the jungle to the Paraguayan town of Encarnacion, where Shaw was hospitalized and where the two of them are now awaiting the beginning of legal proceedings, scheduled to start on Monday, July 5. As soon as their role in these legal proceedings is over, they will be returned to their post in Corrientes for out-processing, then flown back to the United States. Shaw's shoulder wound destroyed some muscle, and he will need additional medical care in the United States.

2. On the^{day}/following ~~day~~ their abduction, i.e., on Sunday, June 27, two notes were placed in the back of the

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automobile of Mr. Gomez, the Church's branch president in Posadas, which demanded a ransom of 1.5 million dollars. The notes were issued by an organization called "Organizacion Politico Militar Paraguayan." The notes said the ransom money would be used to purchase weapons for this group. Nothing more was heard from this organization until July 2, when another note was delivered by mail from it; by this time, of course, the two missionaries had been freed by the police.

3. In addition Faust could furnish no information concerning the number of members of this organization arrested in Paraguay. He did state that the Mormon Church had recently received publicity in connection with alleged bequest from Howard Hughes which was untrue but could have led to the kidnapping. According to Faust, the position of the Mormon Church is that it does not pay ransom for its representatives even though it might result in the loss of a missionary.

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA;

ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

FOR INFORMATION, DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 2, 1976
AN OFFICIAL OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE LATTER
DAY SAINTS (MORMON CHURCH), ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 2⁶₈, 1976,
TWO MORMON MISSIONARIES, PETER ALLEN SHAW AND THAYNE
LARSON, WERE ABDUCTED NEAR THEIR MISSION IN CORRIENTES,
ARGENTINA AND WERE TAKEN ACROSS THE ARGENTINA-PARAGUAY
BORDER TO A REMOTE JUNGLE AREA IN PARAGUAY.

CHURCH
THE ~~FIRST~~ OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 27, 1976, TWO
RANSOM NOTES WERE RECEIVED BY THE CHURCH IN POSADAS,
ARGENTINA DEMANDING A PAYMENT OF 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR
SHAW'S AND LARSON'S RELEASE. THE RANSOM NOTE WAS SIGNED
BY THE ORGANIZACION POLITICA MILITAR PARAGUAYA (PARAGUAYAN
POLITICAL MILITARY ORGANIZATION) (OPMP). THE NOTES INDICATED
THAT RANSOM MONEY WOULD BE UTILIZED TO PURCHASE WEAPONS FOR
THE OPMP.

THE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 29, 1976

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ONE OF SHAW'S AND LARSON'S CAPTORS APPARENTLY HAD A CHANGE OF HEART AND NOTIFIED THE POLICE, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY RAIDED THE HOUSE WHERE THE TWO MISSIONARIES WERE BEING HELD IN ORDER TO LIBERATE THEM. A GUN BATTLE ENSUED AND SHAW WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE SHOULDER. AT THE PRESENT TIME, SHAW AND LARSON ARE AWAITING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN ENCARNACION, PARAGUAY WHICH WERE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JULY 5, 1976.

BUENOS AIRES INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OPMP. IT IS NOTED THAT THE MORMON CHURCH HAS RECENTLY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY CONCERNING AN ALLEGED BEQUEST FROM HOWARD HUGHES, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN THE MOTIVATION FOR THE KIDNAPPING.

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND IS ONLY FURNISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU.
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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 4, 1976, THREE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS WERE BRUTALLY
MURDERED IN THE RECTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN BELGRANO,
BUENOS AIRES FEDERAL CAPITAL. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATED
THAT A MESSAGE HAD BEEN SCRAWLED ON A DOOR IN CHALK TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED IN
RETALIATION FOR THE TERRORIST BOMB ATTACK AGAINST THE
FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL
SECURITY (DFS) HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 2, 1976, WHICH AS OF
JULY 8, 1976, CLAIMED 21 LIVES. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD
SPECULATION THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE
CLERGYMEN MAY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE SECURITY
FORCES CARRYING OUT RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA DFS

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HEADQUARTERS BOMBING OR LEFTIST TERRORISTS WHO ASSASSINATED THE CLERGYMEN IN ORDER TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE, THEREBY DISCREDITING THE GOVERNMENT. (S) (U)

ON JULY 7, 1976, INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES FROM AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCE WHICH INDICATED THAT THE FIVE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED BY A UNIT OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) WHO DISCOVERED THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN HARBORING MONTONERO GUERRILLA LEADER MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH. INFORMATION WAS ALSO PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY BY THIS SAME SOURCE INDICATING THAT THE AAIS HAD ALSO MURDERED THREE ROMAN CATHOLIC NUNS WHO HAD FACILITATED FIRMENICH'S ESCAPE FROM ST. PATRICK'S ON JULY 4, 1976. (S) (U)

ON JULY 7, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICER OF THE FPA DFS, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

AFTER THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION BOMBING OF FPA DFS HEADQUARTERS, NUMEROUS FPA OFFICERS EMBARKED UPON ACTIVITIES TO RETALIATE AGAINST THE TERRORIST (S) (U)

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TARGET FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 BOMBING WHEREIN MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WERE KILLED AND MAIMED. A GROUP OF SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS HAD INFORMATION INDICATING THAT TWO SEMINARIANS ATTACHED TO ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN BELGRANO WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AT THE OFFICE OF THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT LOCATED A FEW BLOCKS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE MARXIST-ORIENTED.

THESE SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WITHOUT ANY HIGHER AUTHORITY, DECIDED TO CARRY OUT A RETALIATORY ATTACK AGAINST THE TWO SEMINARIANS, WHICH RESULTED IN THE JULY 4, 1976 MURDER OF THE THREE PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CLERGYMEN WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY SANCTION OR AUTHORITY OF FPA SUPERIOR OFFICERS OR ANY ENTITY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF THREE NUNS PROVIDED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976, AS NOTED ABOVE, IS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS, IT BEING NOTED THAT NO CATHOLIC NUNS WERE ASSASSINATED OR MISSING DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE SOURCE OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT INFORMATION PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976 WAS PROBABLY A MISGUIDED EFFORT TO MISINFORM U. S. EMBASSY REGARDING THE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF A RANKING TERRORIST LEADER AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN ORDER TO GET SOME JUSTIFICATION TO THE ATROCIOUS MURDER OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE.. ~~XXXXX~~ THE SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, ACTING DIRECTOR, FPA DFS. ~~(S)~~ (U)
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THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS PERSONALLY DISCUSSED WITH THE AMBASSADOR HILL, WHO WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED AT ITS CONTENT. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 7, 1976, REFERRED TO ABOVE, WAS ALLEGEDLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY OFFICER BY A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT VIDELA'S PRESS OFFICE. DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 8, 1976, THE AMBASSADOR ADVISED ME THAT HE WAS VISITED BY THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE STORY CONCERNING THE THREE NUNS HAVING BEEN ASSASSINATED IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS THE ALLEGATION THAT MARIO FIRMEINICH WAS BEING HARBORED AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. THE PAPAL NUNCIO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT ONE OF THE TWO ASSASSINATED SEMINARIANS DEFINITELY HAD QUESTIONABLE CONNECTIONS AND THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING CARDINAL ARAMBURU, WERE CONVINCED THAT THE MOTIVATION FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976 WAS POLICE RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA DFS BOMBING. (~~S~~) (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED HARBORING OF MARIO FIRMEINICH BY THE ASSASSINATED CLERGYMEN AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH AND ERRONEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF THREE CATHOLIC NUNS WAS REPORTED BY THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES IN A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM ON JULY 7, 1976. THIS U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM WAS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND WAS RESTRICTED FROM NORMAL DISTRIBUTION AND DISSEMINATION. (~~S~~) (U)

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SUBJECT:

Further on Murder of Catholic Priests

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1. Embassy has received information subsequent to reftel which confirms that priests were murdered by government security forces. However, it is now clear they were killed by members of Federal Police, not by Army. Police believed the two seminarians were involved with "Third World" movement of priests, which has headquarters not far from the Church; hence, they were considered fair game in wave of vigilante-type executions police have carried out in retaliation for bombing of police office on July 2 (see septel). According to Legatt sources, police never at any time believed Montonero leader Firmenich had been sheltered by priests. That is simply a fabricated story they are putting out in attempt to

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DAO: COLPACoughlin (in draft) *WSS*

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justify a murder which even by Argentine standards was exceedingly brutal and mindless. Police sources have emphasized that murders were committed by non-commissioned officers without any higher authorization.

and RSO July 8.
2. Ambassador Hill/saw Papal Nuncio/~~last night (July 7)~~

Latter says allegation that priests had sheltered Firmenich is an out-and-out lie. He also said report that nuns had been killed was "someone's imagination." Nuncio indicated Church had been concerned that one of the seminarians might have some "Third World" connections. Nuncio emphasized, however, that even if such were the case, that hardly justified murder of seminarians, let alone of priests who were in no way involved.

3. Nuncio indicated Cardinal Aramburu had stated flatly to Minister of Interior that Church knew GOA security forces beyond any doubt that it was ~~the paramilitary forces~~ who had murdered the priests. Aramburu said further to have told Minister that it would be better that latter make no comment since a denial would simply be a lie. Minister obliged and remained silent.

4. Nuncio informed Ambassador Hill that he had been told by one ranking official of GOA that govt intended to "clean up the Catholic Church." Nuncio claimed "some generals" and wanted a Catholic hierarchy "such as we ~~used to have~~ had in

Argentina two hundred years ago." Nuncio speculated that murder of the priests might be first step in "cleaning up" the Church.

5. Comment. Nuncio said he feared murder of priests may presage a wave of right-wing terror worse than anything we have seen before. Given Corbetta's failure to bring police terror under control and Interior Minister's remarks last night lauding police and suggesting they will take any measure they deem necessary in combatting subversion, Embassy is inclined to agree.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING DCM

7/12/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

**ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
DIRECTED AGAINST THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION**

Reference my memo of 7/2/76 captioned "Montoneros."

As indicated in referenced memo arrangements were made to personally contact HERB LESHINSKY, Chrysler Managing Director, after the July 5th Reception at the Embassy Residence. I contacted LESHINSKY on 7/5/76 and he provided the following information:

During the week of June 28-July 2, 1976, the following Chrysler executives received a mimeographed form message from the Montonero guerrilla organization:

O. L. VIGIL
Personnel Director

F. MUNOZ
Director of Tax and Insurance

N. JARVIS
Sales Manager

A. STRADA
Director of Legal Affairs and Government Relations

A. GALLI
Industrial Engineer

J. TORRES
Export Director

H. LESHINSKY
Managing Director

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- 1 - ECON COUNSELOR
- 1 - SY (Encs. 9)
- 3 - Buenos Aires
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 - (1 - 109-33)
 - (1 - 109-103)

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Argentine Terrorist Activities
directed against the Chrysler Corporation

A. CATTANEO
Plant Security Chief

L. J. FEVRE
President

The above described mimeographed form message from the Montoneros was undated and contains a warning for recipients not to collaborate with Argentine security forces in any manner. A postscript to the above described message indicates that copies were being simultaneously mailed to 2,000 executives employed by some 200 businesses in the Federal Capital and Buenos Aires Province. It is interesting to note that in the mimeographed form message, the Montoneros claim credit for the assassination of Chrysler Executive JORGE KENNY, who had been recently assassinated at his residence in Buenos Aires Province.

The transmittal envelopes for the Montonero mimeographed form message were all typewritten with some containing misspelling and typing errors. All were directed to the above-listed executives at the Chrysler Plant in San Justo, Buenos Aires Province. Seven of the letters were directed by certified mail with postage stamps affixed. Two of the letters were sent in the regular mail without being certified with machine stamps imprinted.

Copies of the mimeographed Montonero form letters are attached for the Security Officer.

LESHINSKY stated that on June 30, 1976, OSCAR LUIS VIGIL, the Chrysler Director of Administration and Personnel was posted out of Argentina to Sao Paulo Brazil, because it was believed that he had been targeted by terrorists for some hostile action. LESHINSKY noted that on April 28, 1976, a telephone call was received at the Chrysler San Justo Plant allegedly from the Montoneros warning that VIGIL should not take any action against Chrysler personnel, such as dismissals and that salary increases should immediately be granted, otherwise the Montoneros would begin to "eliminate executives."

LESHINSKY advised on April 29, 1976, another telephone message was received at the Chrysler San Justo Plant from the Montoneros during which VIGIL was warned that he should pay attention to the needs of the workers and not take reprisals against them.

LESHINSKY advised that during the latter part of May, 1976, a personal friend of VIGIL accidentally heard a telephone conversation between two men during which VIGIL's name was mentioned.

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In addition, VIGIL's friend reported that the streets Almaguero and Irigoyen were mentioned, together with the hour 7:00 P.M. LESHINSKY noted that VIGIL's residence is about 150 meters from the intersection of Almaguero and Irigoyen. Additionally, LESHINSKY noted that VIGIL had the custom of departing from the Chrysler Plant in San Justo for his residence at 7:00 P.M. each day.

LESHINSKY said that VIGIL's friend also overheard a statement to the effect that the date of the operation would be communicated at a later date. LESHINSKY stated that the evaluation of the above overheard telephone conversation led Chrysler security personnel to believe that VIGIL had been targeted for some type of hostile action. Accordingly, VIGIL changed his residence on June 5, 1976, and returned on June 19, 1976.

LESHINSKY advised that on June 28, 1976, a friend of the VIGILS visited him at his residence, in order to relate an incident which took place during the week of June 21, 1976, at the Club Raiz de Veiga in Buenos Aires Province where VIGIL and his friend are members. VIGIL's friend related to him that individuals were asking questions at the Club concerning VIGIL's presence on weekends, etc. According to information provided by VIGIL's friend, the individuals conducting these inquiries arrived in a Rambler Cross-Country Station Wagon and a medium-sized Fiat, and did not give the impression of being connected with Argentine security forces.

LESHINSKY advised that Chrysler Security officials interpreted the inquiries at the Club Raiz de Veiga to be part of a surveillance on VIGIL, in order to set him up for hostile action, possibly kidnapping or assassination.

LESHINSKY advised that another incident took place at the Club Raiz de Veiga during January or February, 1976, when CARLOS SUAREZ, an employee of the Chrysler Transmission Factory was detected on the grounds of the Club. LESHINSKY noted that the Club Raiz de Veiga is a private club, which was founded by Spanish immigrants, and is located in San Justo near the Chrysler Factory in Buenos Aires Province. LESHINSKY noted that CARLOS SUAREZ has been identified as a follower of ROLANDO HECTOR JESUS ASTARITA, a Marxist union official. LESHINSKY stated that when interviewed during January or February, 1976, with regard to his unauthorized presence on the grounds of the Club Raiz de Veiga, SUAREZ stated that he had been invited by other associates of the Club. According to LESHINSKY, SUAREZ's claim of being invited could not be verified.

LESHINSKY indicated that Chrysler Security officials inter-

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puted GUAREZ's presence at the Club Raiz de Veiga as an attempted surveillance to gather information for future use against VIGIL.

LESHINSKY stated that for the above described reasons, VIGIL was evacuated from Argentina on June 30, 1976, as previously mentioned.

LESHINSKY advised that on May 29, 1976, the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) contacted Leshinsky to advise him that certain members of an ERP cell had been extra-legally detained by SIE and under interrogation provided details of a projected ERP activity known by the code name "Operacion Marron." According to information provided by SIE to LESHINSKY, "Operacion Marron" involved the assassination of LESHINSKY, which was to take place on May 31, 1976. SIE advised LESHINSKY that a major portion of the ERP cell had been detained; however, an individual identified as "Captain MIGUEL" managed to escape. SIE told LESHINSKY that Captain MIGUEL knew of the details of "Operacion Marron" involving LESHINSKY's assassination. SIE told LESHINSKY that he had been under surveillance by the ERP cell and that his company car and security vehicles had been identified. LESHINSKY departed Argentina for Brazil on business on June 1, 1976, and subsequent to his departure SIE informed Chrysler that other members of the ERP cell responsible for carrying out LESHINSKY's assassination had been killed off. SIE informed Chrysler that it was believed that "Operacion Marron" had been aborted because of the elimination of most of the ERP cell members, who were to participate in its execution.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Fue asesinado, tras largo cautiverio, un vicecomodoro



Vicecomodoro Roberto Moisés Echegoyen

Durante un procedimiento antisubversivo realizado en San Andrés por efectivos de seguridad fue hallado en una finca, ultimado a balazos, el vicecomodoro Roberto Moisés Echegoyen, quien se encontraba cautivo de una organización sediciosa desde tiempo atrás. Durante el operativo fue abatido un sedicioso y otro detenido. En un comunicado de la Fuerza Aérea se señala que el oficial "fue asesinado por elementos subversivos".

◆ Comunicado

Por su parte el comando de la zona 1 del Ejército, al dar cuenta del hecho, puntualizó que "el 10 de julio, siendo las 6.30, fuerzas conjuntas mantuvieron un enfrentamiento con elementos subversivos que se encontraban en la finca ubicada en Ecuador 160 de la localidad de San Andrés, provincia de Buenos Aires. Cuando las fuerzas del orden penetraron en la casa encontraron a un subversivo muerto y tomaron a otro detenido".

"En una revisión posterior —agrega

el parte— se encontró el cadáver encadenado y recientemente ultimado del señor vicecomodoro Roberto Moisés Echegoyen que fuera secuestrado tiempo atrás".

◆ La víctima

El vicecomodoro Echegoyen había nacido en Córdoba el 16 de diciembre de 1928. Ingresó a la Escuela de Aviación Militar en 1948. Egresó en diciembre de 1951 con el grado de alférez.

Su primer destino lo cumplió en la II Brigada Aérea con asiento en Paraná, donde se desempeñó como oficial de escuadrón. Ascendió a teniente en 1953, se desempeñó en la Escuela de Aviación Militar y en 1959 ascendió a capitán. Con este grado continuó en la Escuela hasta marzo de 1964, fecha en que pasa a revisar en la Escuela de Comando y Estado Mayor.

Sus restos son velados en el edificio "Cónido" —sede del comando de la arma— y el sepelio se llevará a cabo hoy a las 10.30 en el cementerio de Chacarita.

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ON JULY 11, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (~~S~~) (U)

ACTING ON INFORMATION SECURED FROM CAPTURED MEMBERS OF THE
PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,
COMBINED BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE AND AAIS UNITS RAIDED A
RESIDENCE IN SAN ANDRES, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WHICH HAD BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS AN ERP SAFE HOUSE. THE RAID TOOK PLACE DURING
THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 10, 1976, AND A VIOLENT SHOOTOUT TOOK
PLACE BETWEEN THE ERP MEMBERS AT THE RESIDENCE AND SECURITY FORCES.
AFTER SECURITY FORCES GAINED ENTRANCE TO THE RESIDENCE THEY
DISCOVERED THE BODY OF ARGENTINE AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ROBERTO ECHEGOYEN, WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED OVER A MONTH AGO BY
THE ERP. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ECHEGOYEN WAS FOUND CHAINED IN ONE
OF THE ROOMS IN THE RESIDENCE AND HE HAD BEEN EXECUTED APPARENTLY
WHEN SECURITY FORCES APPROACHED THE RESIDENCE. (~~S~~) (U)

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[LIEUTENANT COLONEL ECHEGOYEN'S KIDNAPPING.] (~~S~~) (U)

[SOURCE IS ALBERTO VALIN, DIRECTOR, AAIS.] (~~S~~) (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

LEGATT

TO : Ambassador Hill

DATE: July 12, 1976

FROM : RSO

SUBJECT: Incident Report

On Friday, July 9, 1976, Julio Cesar PUENTE, son of retired FSLE, Antonio PUENTE, returned to his father's house at 0130 hours. He had dinner and went to his apartment which has a separate outside entrance.

At approximately 0400 hours, eight persons came to the house next door, looking for Julio PUENTE. The families at this address were still awake, playing cards. They were kept inside by the young men dressed in civilian clothes whom they assumed were "police".

Antonio PUENTE, at 0900 hours, was asked by his neighbors what happened the night before. Mr. PUENTE discovered that his son was missing and that the books from his library had been taken. Mr. PUENTE called the police and then contacted two nephews of his - one an Air Force Vice-Commodore, the other a Navy Captain. The nephews made inquiries at Coordinacion Federal into the disappearance with negative results.

On Sunday morning, July 11, 1976, at 0400 hours, Mr. PUENTE received a call from the 38th Precinct. The police stated that a body fitting the description of his son was at the City Morgue with no ID papers. Mr. PUENTE went and identified the body which had been found by police at 0600 hours Friday. Indications of torture - cigarette burns on the forearm and facial bruises - were found on the body, although the police said he died of lung failure. At the morgue, the police told Mr. PUENTE they had 25 bodies under the age of 30 with no papers that they were trying to identify.

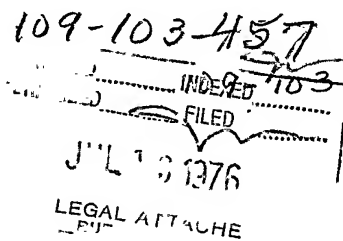
Julio PUENTE has been described as a very quiet young man with no political affiliations. He was to graduate in two months with a degree in architecture. The body was released Sunday afternoon at 1400 hours. The funeral is today at 1500 hours.

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Addendum

Young PUENTE had attended La Plata University, a known hotbed for subversive activities. PUENTE, Sr. said some body had sign pinned to jacket from saying "I was a guerrilla" or "I was a subversive".



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1. LEGATT contacted Herb Leshinsky, Chrysler Managing Director, on July 5, 1976. Leshinsky added the following to that which was reported in reftel: Five other Chrysler executives received the same mimeographed message, also claiming credit for the recent assassination of Chrysler executive, ~~Jorge~~ Kenny.

2. Leshinsky related that Oscar Luis Vigil, Chrysler Director of Administration and Personnel, was posted to Brazil because of numerous indications that he had been targeted by terrorists (para 3, reftel): (1) two threatening phone calls were directed against Vigil, (2) a friend of Vigil's overheard a phone call that appeared to be the planning of a kidnapping or assassination of Vigil, (3) unnamed individuals were making inquiries at Vigil's club concerning his activities, and (4) the unauthorized presence was noticed at Vigil's club of a Chrysler employee

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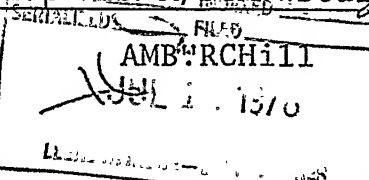
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who is a known follower of a Marxist union official.

3. Leshinsky reported that his source of information in para 2 of reftel was the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE). A "Captain Miguel" who had detailed knowledge of the assassination plan had escaped SIE's capture.

4. RSO COMMENT: "La Prensa" newspaper reported today (July 13) the death of four ERP members July 8 in Bancalari, a northern Buenos Aires suburb. One of the dead was listed as an Abigali Attademus, AKA "Captain Miguel."

5. Although Embassy officers, including RSOs, have ~~xxxxxx~~ briefed business community members on numerous occasions concerning good security practices, it still seems that these recommendations are not being observed by them. In the overheard phone call concerning Vigil, a street corner near his house was mentioned together with the time of 7 p.m. Leshinsky says Vigil customarily departed the plant at this time each day.

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NOTED THAT ROBERTO MARIO SANTUCHO IS THE LEGENDARY LEADER OF
THE ERP. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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RSO GEORGE BECKETT

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
DIRECTED AGAINST THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION

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Attached is a copy of a report prepared by the Chrysler Fevre Argentina Security Office regarding presumed terrorist targeting against Chrysler executive OSCAR LUIS VIGIL. The attachment was provided by HERB LESHINSKY, Chrysler Fevre Argentina Managing Director.

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CHRYSLER PEVRE ARGENTINA S.A.I.C.

REFERENCIAS:

OSCAR LUIS VIGIL, Gerente de Administración del Personal.-

Constancia de las presiones ejercidas sobre OSCAR LUIS VIGIL en modo indirecto, por integrante de un grupo aparentemente integrado por elementos autodenominados Montoneros:

Fecha de recepción: 28 de Abril de 1976

Hora 17.15

Orden secuencial: 1º

Lugar: Sección Almacenes de Planta San Justo

Medio: Teléfono; línea 651-0088

Receptor: ALFREDO IGNACIO CORES, empleado, LP 505

Producida la llamada que atiende CORES se registra lo siguiente:

"Hablo con CHRYSLER?".-

La respuesta es afirmativa.-

"Tengo un mensaje para el Gerente o Jefe de Personal" "Avísele que"

"hablaron del pelotón ZANADILLA del grupo Montonero; que a partir de"

"la fecha no tomen represalias con el personal ni despidan gente; que"

"les den los aumentos que solicitan, caso contrario comenzaremos a"

"eliminar ejecutivos".-

El empleado CORES atina a preguntar "Algo mas?".-

Contesta "Nada mas" - Corta la comunicación.-

DETALLES: Según el empleado CORES, su interlocutor ocasional trátase de persona que se conduce con tranquilidad y aplomo notables.-

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Fecha de recepción: 29 de Abril de 1976

Horas: 09.20

Orden secuencial: 2º

Lugar: Conmutador telefónico de Planta San Justo

Medio: Telefónico

Receptor: Empleada MARIA DEL CARMEN LOPEZ de CHILE
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Atendida que es la llamada puede repetir que su recurrente dijo:

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"Escuche bien este mensaje; le hablan los Montoneros; Avise al Jefe de"
 "Personal y transmitale lo siguiente: Que atienda a las necesidades de"
 "los operarios y no tomen represalias. Los Montoneros cumplen."
 de produce el corte de comunicación.-

DETALLES: Según la empuñadura receptora la ocasional llamada la produjo una mujer, dando la sensación de que se trataba de un mensaje leído o posiblemente grabado, ya que no atendió a pedido de repetición de lo antes mencionado.

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Fecha de recepción: Ultimos días del mes de Mayo de 1976
Lugar: domicilio particular
Medio: Teléfono
Receptor: Persona de amistad del Sr. O.L.VIGIL
Orden secuencial: 3°

Debido a causas fortuitas, presumiblemente al común "ligado" de comunicaciones, esta persona escucha al atender el aparato, una conversación sostenida entre dos personas del sexo masculino, en la que aparece nombrado el señor "VIGIL". Se menciona asimismo la intersección de las calles ALMAYULTE e IRIGOYEN, distante 150 metros del domicilio del nombrado y las horas 19.00, común esta a la salida de VIGIL del Establecimiento CHRYSLER en forma diaria. Puede escuchar asimismo como uno pregunta al otro "...sobre la fecha en que se va a llevar a cabo la cosa..." siendo respondido "Ya avisaremos", cortándose la comunicación en ese momento.

Evalrados los detalles precedentes, los mismos configuraron en principio la tentativa de atentar en contra del señor O.L.VIGIL, por lo que se opta aconsejar al mismo para que se ausente por período estimado como "adecuado", cosa que se lleva a cabo en fecha 5 de Junio, regresando el 19 del mismo mes a su domicilio y el 21 se reintegra a sus tareas habituales.

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Semana del 21 al 27 de Junio, transcurre sin novedades no registrándose llamadas o recepción de escritos del mismo tenor.

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Fecha de recepción: 28 de Junio de 1976
Horas: Primeras de la mañana
Lugar: Domicilio del Señor O.L.VIGIL
Medio: Personalmente

PAULINO NOVOA, empleado de la Empresa de Autotransportes "Ideal San Justo", línea n° 96, con sede en Provincias Unidas n° 4814 de esta localidad de La Matanza, y domicilio particular en Bartigau 2536 de la misma, amigo personal de OSCAR LUIS VIGIL lo visita en su domicilio a efectos de ponerlo en antecedentes de detalles de hechos acaecidos hacía ya unos ocho días atrás, aparentemente en la semana del día 21 de Junio, en dependencias del Club RAIZ de VEIGA, sito en Médanos n° 801 de la localidad de Paso del Rey, entidad donde VIGIL y NOVOA ocupan cargos dentro del elenco directivo. Es así que NOVOA refiere:

"Que habiendo concurrido el día domingo 27 al citado club le fué impuesto por la casera del mismo, - señora de DAVIS - persona esta que reside en el lugar junto con su esposo y otro matrimonio sobre la visita que hacía unos ocho días habían efectuado unas diez personas, todas del sexo masculino, las que se desplazaban en una "rural" "Cross Country marca RAMBLER, y un FIAT de tamaño mediano. Que las mismas preguntaron directamente por el "Señor VIGIL"; "Si la quinta - por el Club - era de él; Si concurría habitualmente, a todo lo cual la DAVIS contestó negativamente, ya que por el tenor de las preguntas, estas la hicieron sospechar de algo anormal".- Siguieron los visitantes con otras preguntas, tales como si un DODGE - Coronado - era de VIGIL, a lo que la DAVIS contestó negativamente, explicando se trataba de propiedad de su esposo, siguiendo otras preguntas tales como si el coche "dormía" en el lugar, recordando que a similar relacionada con el Señor VIGIL no pudo responder "que en todo el invierno no lo había visto". Tras lo apurado los visitantes se retiraron del lugar, indicando previamente a la DAVIS "tratará de averiguar bien todo..., que la volverían a visitar, pero no en ese lugar..., posiblemente cuando efectuara las compras, sin precisar donde o cuando".-

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Los descripto precedentemente, sumado a lo apuntado con anterioridad, y evaluadas que fueran las circunstancias en cada caso, determinó se tomara la decisión de que el Señor OSCAR LUIS VIGIL y sus familiares inmediatos (Esposa e hijos) fueron trasladados a lugar seguro fuera de su domicilio particular en primer lugar, para culminar tales medidas con la salida del país de los nombrados en fecha 30 de Junio horas 10.00.-

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DETALLES:

OSCAR LUIS VIGIL, como se dijo, es miembro del elenco directivo del Club RAIZ de VEIGA, entidad primitivamente fundada por españoles y actualmente controlada por residentes de la localidad de San Justo - Partido de La Matanza - preferentemente, entre los que se cuentan mencionado NOVOA; ANTONIO SÁNCHEZ, y DIAMANTINO RAMOS, ambos operarios de

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la Empresa CHRYSLER FEVER ARGENTINA S.A.I.C.- Ambos mencionados componen la Comisión Directiva, encontrándose enterados de lo acontecido en el Club cuando en menores detalles que los transcritos y por razones obvias ignoran los demás antecedentes.

Como detalles ilustrativos puede mencionarse que, en ocasión de llevarse a cabo un festival, en los meses de Enero o Febrero, advirtió la presencia en las instalaciones del Club RAIZ de VEIGA, del llamado CARLOS SUAREZ, operario de CHRYSLER FEVER ARGENTINA, Planta de Tracción, quien al ser adecuadamente "entrevistado" dice en su momento haber sido invitado por socios de la entidad, calificándose a sí mismo de socio de la misma. Practicadas diligencias, no se establece la identidad del o los socios que le invitaran, y por otra parte, cotejado el archivo del Club, consta en el mismo que SUAREZ sea socio del mismo.

Dentro del campo político gremial se lo conoce a SUAREZ como seguidor de ROLANDO HECTOR JESUS ASTARITA, activista de inclinación izquierdista profundamente marcada; responsable de la organización de actos de resistencia y ollas populares en el Establecimiento "INSUD", actividad culminara con el secuestro de uno de sus directivos de apellido MENDELSON y que indudablemente ligara a ASTARITA con las fracciones ilegales.

SUAREZ, que es de nombre CARLOS, es de nacionalidad argentina, nacido el 14 de Octubre de 1942, hijo de PERSILLANO y de ISABEL HIREZ, vive en Pueyrredón 2940 de la localidad de Lomas del Mirador, de Partido de La Matanza, habiéndolo hecho anteriormente en Liniers nº 253 de la misma localidad. Posee Cédula de identidad nº 5516388 y Libreta de Matrimonio nº 7729535. Posee seis (6) hermanos de nombre ILSIA DIALIDA; NIVIA OFELIA; PEDRO MARTIN; PERSILLANO; FLORENCIA CLADYS y ROBERTO DAVID.

Su estado civil aparece como soltero, pero se sabe que convive con ANGELA MARTALLO, naciendo de dicha unión el 23 de Diciembre 1974 su hija VANINA ANABELLA, la que reconoce como legítima.

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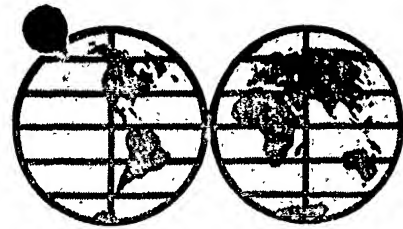
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You get our reports on the Athens hijacking, the Uganda rescue and the consequences of both on page 30. For all its drama, the Israeli raid is not likely to end Palestinian terrorism, though it may speed world co-operation against plane hijackers everywhere.

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In Argentina, terrorism is a part of daily life. Gun squads of left and right kill each other, the police and many others in increasing numbers.

"When the armed forces deposed President Isabel Perón last March without firing a shot," cabled our Buenos Aires bureau, "it was said that the bang would come later. The bang is now here.

"The remains of more than 500 victims of political violence have been found since that March 24 coup. For each body found, it's said on good authority, seven or eight other persons just disappear. That's at least 4,000 dead. All in addition to the hundreds slain in three years of Peronist rule.

"The dead and missing include corporate executives and union leaders, military men and civilians, clergymen and politicians, men and women.

Terrorists seem to be everywhere. They killed three commanders of the national police, one by a bomb placed under his bed. Another bomb killed 20, injured scores in a dining room at police headquarters. Victims are gunned down or blown to bits in homes, autos, offices, city streets--even in a church rectory."

"For Argentina, the end is not in sight. Killers on both political extremes are heavily armed, well supplied with money and, most important,

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fanatically dedicated to their cause. All the experts expect a lot more blood to be spilled before calm is restored in this country.

"Elsewhere in Latin America," continues our cable from Buenos Aires, "there are signs that extremist terrorism can be crushed. In Uruguay, most of the once-dreaded Tupamaro leftists are dead or in jail, and the few remaining have been driven into exile or underground, rarely emerging. In Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay, security forces have had similar successes against terrorists.

"In all four countries, the key to success is the same--hunt down terrorists ruthlessly and play very rough with the survivors."

Jamaica is smoldering, torn by a different kind of terrorism. Crime and politics have joined hands in Kingston's crowded shanty towns.

A state of emergency, imposed weeks ago, still covers the whole island of Jamaica, but violence has not abated. Gunmen with and without political backing had killed 163, including 19 policemen, had carried out more than a thousand armed robberies before the emergency was declared. And the terrorism persists.

Chief victim is Jamaica's economy, including tourism. The island's north-shore resorts, popular with Americans, are quiet, and many hotels are full. But tourists, businessmen and capital are leaving the Kingston area.

Prospect of elections before February increases the violence. Castro of Cuba is an interested bystander. Jamaica's leftist Prime Minister Manley paid him a visit in Havana, but Castro's return visit has been postponed for his own security. Still, Cuban agents are in Kingston, watching for opportunities.

In Northern Ireland so far this year, 184 have been killed in sectarian terrorist slayings, including 7 British soldiers. That makes it 1,575 dead since the current trouble began in 1969. One encouraging note: Irish terrorism in Britain died down after a number of terrorists were jailed for life.

West German terrorists, quiet until recently, are active again. Two young Germans, a man and a woman, helped hijack the Air France jet to Uganda and were killed by Israeli raiders. Just days later, four West German women terrorists, including one whose release had been demanded by the hijackers, escaped from a prison in West Berlin, leaving evidence of effective outside help.

In France, officials have increased protection for embassies and foreign firms. One problem is that the number of foreigners in France exceeds 4 million. Terrorist groups there--Spanish Basques, West Germans, Latin Americans, Africans, Arabs and Japanese--exchange plans and identity papers.

Japan's leftist terrorists, says our Tokyo bureau, come from a pool of some 35,000 extremists--down from a peak of 53,500 in 1969. They are divided into 22 groups and fight among themselves. Still, bombings persist. Terrorists recruit students, infiltrate factories and Government offices. Some 30 to 40 Japanese "Red Army" members overseas keep contact with foreign groups.

In Japan, as in the world, terrorism may fade, but never vanish.

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, AR, UY
SUBJ: DIRECTED ASSASSINATIONS BY TUPAMAROS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5159

1. JORGE BATLLE LISTED IN REFTEL AS FIRST ASSASSINATION TARGET IS PROMINENT COLORADO POLITICIAN. EMBOFF, ON AFTERNOON AUGUST 6, SAW BATLLE, WHO DESPITE THREAT WAS UNGUARDED.

2. CORRECT NAME OF (B) IS JORGE ECHEVARRIA LEUNDA, WHOSE NICKNAME IS CHOCHO. AT LUNCH WITH EMBOFF A FEW DAYS AGO, ECHEVARRIA, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF MIXED ARGENTINE-URUGUAYAN COMMISSION IN CHARGE OF BUILDING SALTO GRANDE HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT, SAID HE WAS UNDER DEAD THREAT FROM OPR-33 (A RADICAL LEFT) ANARCHIST TERRORIST GROUP). ECHEVARRIA REPORTED HAVING BEEN PROVIDED GUARDS (WHO WERE VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE) FOR HIS PERSON AND HOUSEHOLD 24 HOURS A DAY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED COMPLETE BEWILDERMENT AS TO HIS BEING ON ANY SUCH LIST AS HE HAD NEVER BEEN A POLITICIAN OR ANYTHING BUT A MODERATE ON PUBLIC ISSUES. FONMIN BLANCO RECENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR HE WAS UNDER DEATH THREAT FROM SAME GROUP AND THAT HE NOW WAS GUARDED TOO.

3. FNU GITALDI IS MIDDLEMAN IN CONTRACTING OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS. THERE IS NO REASON APPARENT TO US FOR HIM TO BE ON SUCH A LIST.

4. TARGET LIST IS THAT REFERRED TO IN TDFIRBD-315606764-479
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MONTONEROS

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Attached is the original handwritten report provided by your guard during the evening of 8/6/76, together with a translation of this report. In addition to the information contained in the attached report your guard advised as follows orally in the Spanish language:

In connection with his official position with the Argentine Air Force, in the office of a ranking Argentine Air Force intelligence officer, he ascertained that the Montoneros intended to carry out the action described in the attached report. He ascertained this information from Montonero documents which he had seen within the past 72 hours.

He voiced considerable concern for his fellow Brown Security guards, especially those in mobile patrol cars who would be obvious targets for Montonero action. He indicated that since he joined Brown Security over two years ago shift changes have been routinely conducted at the same location and at the same time for over two years. He identified this location as the YPF (former ESSO) Service Station located at the corner of General Pacheco and Santa Fe in Martinez. He indicated that according to his information, the shooting incident which took place at this service station on 8/2/76 was an attempt by terrorists to attack Brown Security Patrol cars or personnel during the shift change.

It should be noted that according to Dr. MARCELO CASTRO, the two individuals killed during the 8/2/76 shootout at the YPF station were not terrorists but innocent civilians who panicked during a routine check by the FPA and were gunned down in their automobile near the service station. According to Dr. CASTRO, the two victims were unarmed and had no connection

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with any terrorist organization. Dr. CASTRO indicated that one of the FPA officers conducting a vehicle and identity checks allowed a round to escape from his weapon, thus causing a reaction from his companions who believed the two individuals who were subsequently killed had fired upon the FPA officers.

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According to information provided by a reliable source, the ERP-Montoneros, due to the loss of weapons and backup equipment, have decided to conduct attacks against the security forces, as well as the security forces of the different Embassies who use portable radio equipment and weapons.

The probable target areas will be Olivos, Martinez, Vicente Lopez, Acassuso and Becar, inasmuch as most of the diplomatic corps reside in those areas.

It is felt that attacks against individuals will bring about friction between the government and the diplomatic community. The extremist groups have been instructed to kill the selected individual and to take radio equipment and weapons, trying to avoid confrontation with the police and the armed forces.

The Montoneros have decided to send persons posing as salesmen to the residences, ostensibly to sell articles for the home and thus gain entrance to the residence to achieve their aims.

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS:

SUBJECT:

ACTION:

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SHUM, PINS, CASC, AR 's Home

American Businessman/Raided by Apparent Para-Military or
Police Group

SecState WASHDC PRIORITY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ BUENOS AIRES 5272

1. Summary. Amcit businessman residing in Buenos Aires has

reported to us that his home was invaded by armed group during
early morning hours August 6. Evidence indicates group were
military or police forces. Intruders apparently investigating
possible leftist connections of student member of family.

After physically intimidating members of family and taking
money and valuables, group left apparently satisfied that
subversive connections unlikely. Amcit has asked his employers
for transfer out of Argentina. He has not rpt not asked us to
intervene with GOA or protest, has not reported incident to

police, and requests prior discussion with him of any contem-

plated intervention ~~of~~ on his behalf. / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
plan to make representations to GOA on this incident following his departure.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ End Summary.

2. Amcit William Saenz, naturalized citizen of Colombian

extraction who has resided in Buenos Aires for seven years.

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as an employee of American company CPC International (Corn Products), came to Embassy August 10 to report incident to PolOff. He stated that at about 0200 hours August 6 a group of about ten armed men appeared at his home in Acassuso suburb (where many Embassy families reside). Group forced entry and manhandled Saenz, his wife and his twenty-two year-old sister-in-law. Mrs. Saenz and her sister are Colombian nationals. Two young Amcit children were wakened and observed incident. Armed ^{intruders} ~~intruders~~ refused to display identification, but leader said "we are Army" ("somos del Ejercito"). Saenz recognized submachine guns as type used by Argentine military and police, .45 caliber military automatic pistols, and shotguns. Intruders were dressed in miscellaneous civilian clothing, and were described by Saenz as "grubby and long-haired." They were very rough, shoving and pushing family members, breaking open locked door, etc.

3. Apparent purpose of visit was to interrogate sister-in-law who has been student at local women's librarian school for last four years. During recent absence on vacation of rest of Saenz family, sister-in-law invited female Argentine student friend from school to stay in house with her. Knowledge of and relationship with this friend was main interest of intruders. Group examined Saenz's US passport and understood early in incident that he was Amcit businessman of large US firm. He was asked repeatedly if he was Jew ~~(XXXXXX)~~ or Communist. Group examined all his papers, checked book

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titles, etc. Individuals in group pocketed money, watches, calculator, some jewelry, and helped themselves to food and drink. Leader finally told Saenz that there seemed to be "no problem" and intruders departed at about 0330 in what Saenz described as "large American-style cars." They made no threats about leaving Argentina or about future conduct of sister-in-law.

4. Saenz noted that at no time did group appear to be concerned about attracting notice from neighbors or police. They were noisy and relaxed in behavior, and stayed over one and one-half hours until fully satisfied with information obtained. Area is one in which police and US Embassy security patrols are prominent, but intruders gave no indication of concern.

5. Saenz discussed incident with security advisor of his company morning of August 6. It was agreed that intruders were very probably from security forces and that report or protest might bring retaliation on Saenz, although group had not specifically warned Saenz not to report incident. No report has therefore been made to police. Mrs. Saenz reported incident to Colombian Embassy, which according to Saenz is considering protest to GOA. Saenz called this Embassy August 9 to ask for appointment with a political officer, but did not indicate subject or ~~incident~~ urgency.

Appointment was made for morning August 10.

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8. We propose to make representations to FonOff following Saenz's departure, provided his consent is obtained, basing an aide memoire on Saenz's statement. We do not believe the words "formal protest" should be used, since they could tend to link this case with that of Father Weeks, who has been openly and formally detained by GOA under legal grounds based in state of siege. We also prefer to proceed without consulting Colombian Embassy. A coordinated approach probably has ~~more~~ more pitfalls than advantages. Based on our limited knowledge ~~and~~ ^{of} the manner in which GOA military or police activities of this sort are carried out, our best chances of having some impact on future police behavior will be a memorandum to the FonOff expressing our deep concern that individuals representing themselves as Argentine military personnel would behave in manner cited, risking injury to an American citizen, his wife and children. We can only lament fact that senior official of American firm felt it necessary to flee country to avoid possibility of being further involved.

9. Whether representation is in form of protest or expression of concern reflecting on behavior of presumed members Argentine Army, GOA is certain to respond that investigation determined no GOA forces were involved in incident. We think representation will spark investigation by Army and provincial police which could have beneficial effect on their future behavior.

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E.O. 11652:
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SUBJECT:

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Mass Murder Highlights Trelew Weekend Violence

ACTION:

Secstate WASHDC PRIORITY
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1. During the weekend, police, who were on special alert for an expected surge of terrorist attacks to commemorate the Trelew massacre of ~~XXXX~~ August 22, 1972, ~~uprising Aug 22~~ killed five extremists in Cordoba and another two in Buenos Aires Province. Six other persons, described as common criminals, were reportedly killed in clashes with policemen during the weekend.

2. As in the past, the Trelew anniversary provoked a weekend of fireworks--bomb attacks and volleys of machinegun fire. In Buenos Aires, bombs exploded in a number of police stations, on Friday's rush-hour subway trains, on street corners in a fashionable downtown residential district and in a Standard Electric factory. ^{deaths} There were no ~~casualties~~ reported, although several policemen were wounded by exploding bombs. In Cordoba, the Third Army ^{had} Corps claimed it/discovered and neutralized a plan to terrorize the city with widespread bombing and shooting attacks.

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3. Left-wing terrorist violence, however, paled in the face of the grisly mass murder of thirty persons by "death squads" on Aug 20. The thirty bodies, riddled with bullets and blown apart by powerful explosives, were found by workmen Friday morning (Aug 20) in a field near Pilar. A sign at the scene identified the victims as leftist guerrillas. Presumably they were killed in retaliation for Thursday's murder of retired General Omar Actis. There is no doubt that the police themselves were the authors of this atrocity (see paragraph 6). Although many of the bodies were mutilated beyond recognition, the victims were mostly young males. Most had their hands tied behind their backs. Neighbors report hearing rounds of shooting during the night and then an enormous explosion.

4. Later Friday the Interior Ministry issued its ^{strongest} ~~most powerful~~ repudiation of extremist violence to date, attributing the "vandalistic episode to the dementia of irrational groups" and pledging to use all means to find and punish those responsible. Interior Minister Harguindeguy, speaking in Salta Saturday (Aug 21), reiterated the govt's condemnation of all forms of extremism, Friday's mass bombing as well as, attacks on Armed Forces officials.

5. While most of the press avoided speculating on the Pilar mass murder, La Opinion on Aug 22 deplored the atrocity and opined that unless the govt soon made good its promise to

"monopolize force", it might find itself increasingly isolated (i.e. facing increasing popular opposition). The Buenos Aires Herald said Saturday (Aug 21) that the week's events-- kidnapping of two well known UCR lawyers, murder of General Actis, and the Pilar mass murder--are the kind of acts that can provoke civil war. In its editorial, the Herald said that since the murders of the five parish priests in July, it is impossible to pretend that the daily deaths and disappearances are simply results of subversive delinquents or vengeance killings. "Some mindless Frankenstein's monster has gone berserk," said the Herald, pointing out that despite the govt's official condemnation of acts by "demented, irrational groups," not a single member of such groups has yet been taken by security forces.

6. A ranking officer in the Office of the Presidency confided (August 23) to Emboff at noon today that for first time govt is absolutely certain as to who authored the crime and has evidence. In case of the five priests, he said, govt had strong reasons to suspect police and even had names of individual policemen it believed may have committed outrage, but it lacked proof. Given delicacy of situation and need to avoid institutional ruptures and acts which would demoralize security forces, govt must proceed cautiously. Unless sure of its facts and with evidence in hand, it is difficult for govt to move to correct abuses. In case of the mass murder on Aug 20, however, govt is repeat is

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sure and has evidence. Sanctions will definitely be taken against those responsible; he said. Only question is whether sanctions are publicized or taken privately. In either case, he promised to inform Embassy of action taken.

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SUBJECT:

Flower Bombs, Package Bombs

ACTION:

SECSTATE WASHDC

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1. On August 26, 1976, two incidents were reported in which individuals received booby-trapped ~~honeycreeper~~ flowers. One

of the victims was Christina Esmeroni, daughter of Benito
former head

Esmeroni, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of IBM. The second/unnamed bomb

~~exploded in the house~~ Miss Esmeroni' received an orchid

contained in a typical see-through plastic topped flower

box which exploded when she opened it. The second flower bomb

exploded in the house of a French executive representing

Renault and ~~Axxx~~ Astarsa companies. Injuries and damage in

this case are unknown. Reported information indicates that

Christina Esmeroni/~~received wounds in the hands, and it is~~

questionable whether she will recover the use of her hands

2. In another reported incident, a gift-wrapped package

containing a pen and pencil set was sent to the Director of

Industrial Relations of the Ford Company. Company security

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personnel were suspicious and detonated the package
xxx without injury.

3. RSO COMMENT: EOD supervisor GOA has been contacted and has been requested to furnish information concerning quantity of explosives and triggering of flower bombs. Such has not been received. He advised that the composition of the explosives was plastic. In addition, he was unable to advise whether the bombs had actually been implanted in the flowers or were a letter type bomb concealed in the envelope normally containing the greeting card of the sender. When the requested information is received, such will be reported. A security notice is being published cautioning all Post personnel with respect to this terrorist threat.

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1. On August 30, Mr. Anthony H. ~~Rohr~~ Pohl, manager of Security and Emergency Planning, IBM, furnished the following to RSO Beckett. On August 26, at 10:55 a.m. an apparent messenger approached the house of Benito Esmeroni, retired General Manager of IBM Argentina, and currently Chairman of the Board. Esmeroni and his household have received threats over the past 5-6 years and therefore have specific procedures established concerning the delivery of packages at the home. However, this procedure broke down as described herewith.

2. The messenger, who was wearing an olive drab shirt and blue trousers, presented a see-through plastic flower box containing an orchid. A small box commonly used for a popular pen and pencil set being sold in Argentina was presented along

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with the flower. The guard asked the messenger the identify of the sender and was informed that it was a friend of the family. (NOTE: Guards are under standing instructions not to accept any packages but to make inquiry inside of the house of a family member concerning expected gifts.)

On the box containing the orchid was a card from a flower shop /~~shop~~. The smaller box had a label ~~xxxxx~~, addressing the item to Mr. Esmeroni. The guard entered the house carrying the packages to Mrs. Esmeroni who asked him the identify of the sender. The maid was sent from the house to check with the messenger in an attempt to determine the identity of the sender but the messenger had departed. Both packages were placed on a table. Christina Esmeroni, 30 year old daughter of Benito Esmeroni, was instructed by her mother not to touch the packages. The daughter replied that she would be careful and placed the package, ~~apparently~~ containing the pen and pencil, on top of the TV set. She stood away from the package and opened the lid. The following explosion blew off her left hand. She has remaining on her right hand thumb and little finger. She received chest and facial injuries.

3. It was the opinion of Mr. Pohl, who examined the scene of the explosion, that the blasting capacity of the bomb was sufficient to kill and that the package had been assembled by a person with professional ~~capabilities~~

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in the use of explosives.
[training/ According to a study of the path of the blast, it appeared that the container was shaped to cause the blast to create maximum force upward from the top. Marks of the blast along with skin tissue from the victim were on the ceiling of the room in which the package was opened. (Average ceilings in Buenos Aires are 12 feet or more.)

Mr. Pohl was also of the opinion that should an individual have been leaning over the device as opposed to examining it from arm's length, the device had adequate force to kill.

4. RSO COMMENT: On August 26, 5 more incidents similar to the one above occurred, one at a private residence and remaining 4 at factory offices: A) 10 a.m. two packages were received by Marcel Capdevila, company director and board member of Astara (Renault Argentina). He received injuries similar to those of Christina Esmeroni.

B) 1300 hours similar packages delivered to personnel manager of Ford subsidiary. He lost both hands.

C) 1400 hours, personnel director Ford Motor Company received similar packages. Having been warned by the subsidiary, he was suspicious and the items were turned over to security reps. Packages were detonated in the plant backyard, causing one meter crater. D) Personnel manager of General Motors also received packages, turned them over to security personnel and they were detonated

[without injury. E) Personnel manager of Squibb Labs.]

received the packages and called police EOD team. Member of EOD team, in attempting to neutralize the package, lost three fingers.

5. It is difficult to say that this could be the xx start of a campaign directed against U.S. industry. It should be noted that in the 6 bombing incidents, four were directed against personnel managers, all of which are located at U.S. plants. On January 29, 1976, terrorists entered offices of Bendix and, after finding the General Manager not present, murdered the personnel manager and manager for industrial relations (B.A. 0633).

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Rash of Bombings Continues

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Buenos Aires 5673

1. In a post-Trelew wave of bombings two synagogues, a

shopping arcade and a navy recruiting office were hit on

August 27. Damage was slight and no one was killed, although

two women suffered severe burns in the navy office explosion.

A powerful explosive was also found near La Opinion editorial offices Friday but was deactivated by police.

2. Elsewhere the same day a capsule exploded on Florida, a crowded shopping street, releasing pamphlets. Similar bombs were placed in ~~an~~ underground subway stations. One was dismantled by police but others went off. One person was slightly burned. Two bombs were discovered and detonated by

police at the School of Architecture campus in Nunez and

another bomb blew apart an empty car in La Plata. Police

also reported August/26 two more persons--a Renault official

and an IBM employee--were seriously injured handling flower

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There were, in addition, three other cases of flower bombs (see ref tcl). bombs. / Police issued a second warning against bomb packages

disguised as flowers and pen sets.

3. A truck parked in ~~front~~ front of the Embassy the evening of August 27 was suspected to contain a bomb. After the bomb squad had done some damage to the truck itself, this turned out to be a false alarm. The unhappy owners then drove the truck away.

4. On Saturday (August 28) a powerful explosive destroyed a pharmacy. Another bomb exploded in front of the house of former Federal Police Chief Luis Margaride.

5. Comment. With the exception of the bombs placed in front of the two Jewish synagogues, the bombings seem to have been authored by the left. The synagogue bombings were the latest of sporadic attacks upon Jewish establishments. Earlier this month, shops in a Jewish commercial district were sprayed with gunfire. A school and Jewish Cultural Institute were also attacked. La Opinion Saturday (August 28) criticized the attacks on the two synagogues, asking why, in a country that never before suffered religious conflict, religion was being drawn into Argentina's present difficulties.

6. There was nothing particularly new in the wave of bombings. For some time bombings have been commonplace in Buenos Aires. The latest ones did not suggest any increased capability on the part of the terrorist groups. The flower bombs are, to

be sure, a new innovation but they do not represent a more indiscriminate form of violence than blowing up the ~~XXXXXX~~ lunchroom of a police station.

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1. On September 2, Mr. Hector Jose Sibilla, Security Officer Ford Argentina, furnished ~~xxxxxxx~~ the following to the RSO. Since Aug. 26, 1976 when members of the Ford industrial complex in Argentina received bombs, seven senior executives of the Ford Co. have received threatening letters signed by the Montoneros. These letters claim credit for the bombs as being the responsibility of the Montoneros. The following is the identify of the seven: Mr. Nogueiva, General Manager of Finance; Mr. Lecker, General Manager Plant Assembly; Mr. Menjido, General Manager Supplies & Service; Mr. Fisher, Director of Export; Mr. Max Coward, President; Mr. Marcos, General Manager Stamping Plant and Mr. Muller, General Manager of Manufacturing.

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2. Six of the individuals received identical letters, the body of which is set forth herewith: "Our organization since its founding has taken charge of fighting for liberation. Part of the fight is combating exploitation of the working class who must suffer and be condemned to misery so that a few might enjoy the efforts of their work. This fight includes the elimination of those who contribute in one form or another to the solidifying of this unjust situation. Thursday, the 26th, we sent with a card and envelope similar boxes with explosives to a few exploiters. But we will continue to watch you in the most discreet form and in a continuous pattern until as Eva said - "the race of the exploiters and oligarchs disappears from the land."

3. Nogueira, identified above, was the sole recipient of a different letter, the body of which is set forth herewith: "The enclosed envelope is the one which accompanied the explosive boxes last Thursday. They were directed to businessmen and executives who suppress and exploit their workers and enjoy impunity. The army intends to drown the people in blood, but attention ... the people are not without defenses. It has its own organization and its own army - the Montonero army. Marcel Capdevila paid dearly for the disappearance of 40 workers of ASTARSA. He delivered them and the army

executed them. He thought then that everything would remain tranquil and his custody would guarantee his peace and physical integrity; however, the revolutionary justice treated him equally ... Try not to make the same mistake that he did. You won't receive only an evenleopo, but there will be an explosive case waiting for you at the turn of every corner. The eyes of the ^{people} ~~people~~ and its organization are watching your moves. Don't exploit or denounce; the manager who collaborates with repression is the manager who will go to the wall."

4. Both letters had the complementary close "for the people and for the country, Montoneros". All of the letters were sent ~~with~~ with a greeting card reflecting the name "Mont Blanc" identifying the company rep, Peter W. Collin, with a street address of Paraguay 710, Capital. Similar Mont Blanc cards accompanied the explosives which were distributed on Aug. 26 and reported in reftel A.

5. RSO COMMENT: Marcel Capdevila, identified in letter above, was the individual ^{at} ~~xxx~~ the Renault Co. who received a package on Aug. 26 and who lost his hands. This incident reported in reftels.

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